

WELCOME TO KIRK OF KEITH: ST. RUFUS, BOTRIPHNE, AND GRANGE

TODAY, SUNDAY, 24 March

Services conducted by Rev Sonia Palmer (OLM)

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Grange

7 pm – Youth Group

Rev Sonia Palmer (Ordained Local Minister) has been appointed as our Interim Moderator. She can be contacted on 07748700929 or by email sonia.palmer@yahoo.com

Mr Eckhardt Bosch is our Parish Assistant jointly with the North Church. His role also includes pastoral care. He is happy to be contacted on 01542882799, 07597020707 or on email at ebosch@churchofscotland.org.uk

If you haven't already done so please leave a message, scripture passage, inspirational quote, etc on one of the stones at the front door. This opportunity will only be available for a few more weeks. A great way to commemorate our bicentenary.

THIS WEEK: -

THIS MONDAY (25 March)

There is a meeting of the Finance Committee in the hall at 7 pm.

THIS TUESDAY (26 March)

There is a meeting of the Nominating Committee at 7.45 pm in the hall.

THIS THURSDAY (28 March)

The Fly and Friendship Club meets at 2 pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Agnes Paterson, Sheila McIntosh and June Miller.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS: -

(a) SUNDAY, 31 March

Mothering Sunday

Services led by the Youth Group and Sunday Club

10.15 am – St Rufus

11.45 am – Botriphnie

(b) The Fly and Friendship Club is on holiday on Thursdays, 4 and 11 April.

(c) SUNDAY, 7 April

Services conducted by Retired Presbytery Deacon Margaret King

10.15 am – St Rufus (No Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Grange

(d) The Guild holds its Spring Evening on Monday, 8 April in the hall. The entertainment will be provided by the Huntly Quines. Open to all at a charge of £3.

(e) Decoration of St Rufus for the Easter services will take place on Friday, 12 April at 7 pm. Please go along if you are able to help.

(f) SUNDAY, 14 April

Palm Sunday

Services conducted by Rev Sonia Palmer (OLM)

10.15 am – St Rufus

11.45 am – Botriphnie

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

1) Message from Rev Sonia Palmer

Thank you to all who participated and helped with the Bicentennial Celebrations, so many people have given myself such positive feedback of a loving, caring pulling together community. Thanks to the committee and Iain Carr for going beyond the call of duty and to the Elders, youth group, children and congregation for their faithful support, the ladies who have slaved over stoves providing wonderful bakes and those giving up time in the church for visitors. Also, the schools and their teachers who provided music for the youngsters of all the schools.

2) The sum raised at the coffee morning last Saturday was £1,660.12. This is a fantastic amount and thanks go to everyone who helped in anyway.

3) PARISH NEWSLETTER

All copy for the April edition of the newsletter should be with Esther Green by Sunday, 31 March email Esther.g@btinternet.com or call 01542 880456.

4) Michael Newlands and Barbara Robertson returned from the Youthlink Scotland Awards Ceremony in Glasgow this week with a plaque as runner up in their category - Faith-Based Youth Work. Well done to the Youth Group and their hardworking leaders.

5) The Keith & District Men's Shed Concert is on Sunday, 24 March at 2-4pm in the Longmore Community Hall. Tickets £5 (Children £1) available from I G Thomson (Butcher), The Deli, Paterson's, Clark's Pharmacy and Tesco. Refreshments at half time.

6) Countrymen UK is a group which works through a network of Care Farms engaging with men who have previously had an affinity with the outdoor environment through their work, leisure activities or just a love of the countryside, but who are now facing the challenges of isolation because of deteriorating health or social conditions. Touchdown Memorial Home for Horses is now part of this group and starting on Saturday, 30 March will be open on Saturdays 2.30 pm - 4.30 pm and Mondays 7.30 pm – 9 pm. Carers and supporters welcome. £5 per person. Refreshments available. Ample parking and fully accessible. Please advise if you are going so they have an idea of numbers. email fran.a.p.davies@hotmail.co.uk. Tel 07368 280677.

7) Pray Elgin is a weekend of prayer – day and night. Local Christians from different denominations have come together to arrange a weekend of continuous prayer in Elgin. The dates are 12 – 14 April, running from Friday evening to Sunday evening (times to be confirmed). The venue is St Giles' Church in central Elgin. The weekend is based on 24-7 Prayer's Prayer Room – where people pray individually or in small groups

for one-hour slots – creating continuity of prayer in a particular place. 24-7 Prayer's aim is to 'revive the church and rewire the culture through non-stop night and day prayer'. Information on how to sign up for one-hour prayer shifts will be available soon.

8) The weekly joint churches' prayer group meets on Tuesdays 11.15-11.45 am in the North Church Garrow Chapel, prior to the Tuesday Table lunch.

9) Could any elders who know of someone who should receive church flowers please put their details in the book in the counting room.

10) June Cairns co-ordinates the rota for church transport. **She is looking for more volunteer drivers.** Her contact number is 01542 882336.



Check out the Kirk webpage which can be found at www.strufus.org

Our new parish profile is now available to view

Moray Food Bank

Keith Foodstore no longer operates in Keith and all donations will go to Elgin for distribution. Please help those in need of emergency food by donating any long-life foods.

The items must be non-perishable (dried or tinned), in date, and not high in salt, sugar, or saturated fat.

The blue box inside the main door at St. Rufus has been supplied for donated items.

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