

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

**TODAY, SUNDAY, 31 March**

**Mothering Sunday**

Services led by the Youth Group and Sunday Club

10.15 am – St Rufus

11.45 am – Botriphnie

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](mailto: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](mailto: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.**

**PLEASE NOTE**

**In order to prevent damage to the newly laid slabs at St Rufus there is now a policy of Reverse Parking Only in the Church Grounds**

**THIS WEEK: -**

**THIS THURSDAY (4 April)**

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

**FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS: -**

**(a) SUNDAY, 7 April**

Services conducted by Retired Presbytery Deacon Margaret King

10.15 am – St Rufus (No Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Grange

**(b)** 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. Can Guild members please bring a raffle prize.

**(c)** 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.

**(d) SUNDAY, 14 April**

**Palm Sunday**

Services conducted by Rev Sonia Palmer (OLM)

10.15 am – St Rufus (No Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Botriphnie

7 pm – Youth Group

**(e) HOLY WEEK SERVICES 15-19 April 7pm**

**Monday** – Rev Sonia Palmer/Michael

Newlands/Youth Group

**Tuesday** – Rev Michael Last

**Wednesday** – Fathers Kingsley and Peter

**Thursday** – Rev Sonia Palmer (Communion)

**Friday** – United churches clergy

**(f)** The Fly and Friendship Club meets on Thursday, 18 April at 2 pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Isobel Shanks, Andi Ross and Loisa Duguid

**(g) SUNDAY, 21 April**

**Easter Sunday**

Service conducted by Rev Sonia Palmer (OLM)

10.15 am – United Family Service at St Rufus followed by teas and egg rolling.

2.30 pm – Weston View Service with rota of Neil and Lorna Howie, Janice Innes, Eleanor Gordon, Willie Dingwall, Ian Barbour (or their deputies), faithful friends.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS...

### 1) Message from Rev Sonia Palmer

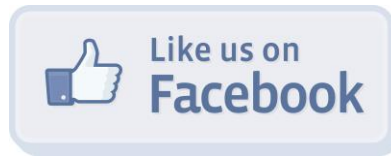
Thank you to all who participated and helped with the Bicentennial Celebrations, so many people have given myself such positive feedback of a loving, caring pulling together community. Thanks to the committee and Iain Carr for going beyond the call of duty and to the Elders, youth group, children and 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) 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.

3) 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.

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

5) 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](http://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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