

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

TODAY, SUNDAY, 7 April

Services conducted by Retired Presbytery Deacon Margaret King
10.15 am – St Rufus (No Sunday Club)
11.45 am – Grange

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.

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 MONDAY (8 April)

The Guild holds its Spring Evening at 7.30 pm 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.

THIS THURSDAY (11 April)

The Fly and Friendship Club is on holiday.

THIS FRIDAY (12 April)

Decoration of St Rufus for the Easter services will take place at 7 pm. Please go along if you are able to help.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS: -

(a) 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

(b) 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

(c) 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

(d) 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, Lorna Allison, Philip Davidson, (or their deputies), faithful friends.

(e) Wednesday, 24 April

Congregational Board meets at 7 pm

Kirk Session meets at 7.30 pm

(f) The Fly and Friendship Club meets on

Thursday, 25 April at 2 pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Karen Simpson, Norma Gray and Margaret Kerr.

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

1) The newsletters and communion cards are ready for elders to uplift and distribute. The communion rota is available in the counting room.

2) 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 although there are at present insufficient numbers to start the project it will be up and running as soon as there are. If interested, please contact Frances Davies on 07368 280677 or email fran.a.p.davies@hotmail.co.uk. Carers and supporters welcome. £5 per person. Refreshments will be available. Ample parking and fully accessible.

3) 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.

4) The Church of Scotland's Theological Forum is holding a conference entitled "Westminster, Confessions and the Church" on Wednesday, 8 May in New College, Edinburgh. For more details see the poster at the door or the Church of Scotland web page.

5) 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.

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

7) 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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