

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

TODAY, SUNDAY, 16 June

10.15 am - United Doric Service at St Rufus conducted by Rev Sonia Palmer with special guests The Strathspey Fiddlers and Moira Stewart followed by teas and homebakes (Sunday Club) Collection for TMSA
2.30 pm – Weston View Service with rota of Norma Gray, Marion Robinson, June Cairns, Malcolm Morrison, Peter McWilliam, (or their deputies), faithful friends.

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 available for pastoral care. He is happy to be contacted on 01542882799, 07597020707 or on email at ebosch@churchofscotland.org.uk
He will also be conducting services and funerals.

You will notice that there are flyers on pews around the church and at the door. Please feel free to take one to share with anyone you know. Our Nominating Committee is working hard to find us a new minister and will be at Refuel at Gordon Castle in July handing out the flyers then.

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 (20 June)

The Fly and Friendship Club meets at 2 pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Rachael Davidson and Isobel Gillies.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS: -

(a) SUNDAY, 23 June

Services to be conducted by Eckhardt Bosch
10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)
11.45 am – Botriphnie
7 pm – Youth Group

(b) There will be a meeting of the St Rufus 200 committee on Monday, 24 June at 7.15 pm in the hall.

(c) The Fly and Friendship Club meets on Thursday, 27 June at 2 pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Mary Sinclair, Peggy Sievwright and Elsie Cruickshank.

(d) The Harmony in Hand concert is on Thursday, 27 June at 7.30 pm in St Rufus Church. Entry £3 to include teas. Harmony in Hand are a signing choir who demonstrate the beauty of sign language through song for all.

(e) The annual picnic to Hopeman is on Saturday, 29 June. The bus will leave the church at 11 am. Adults £5. Under 12s £3. Under 3s free. Members of the Sunday Club and the Youth Group are also free. Tickets from Margaret or Beth.

(f) SUNDAY, 30 June

10.15 am - United Family Service with Sunday Club prizegiving conducted by Rev Sonia Palmer at St Rufus followed by family lunch at a cost of £1 a head.
6 pm – Healing Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

1) PASTORAL CARE GROUP - Can anyone who would be interested in helping please contact Sheena Edwards. You do not need to be an elder or have any special qualifications to help in this role. It is especially important during the vacancy that we help the interim moderator with visits to

members of the congregation to ensure that they know they are still part of a caring church community.

2) The Cologne Philharmonic Orchestra will once again perform in St Rufus Church on Sunday, 21 July at 7.30 pm. More details later.

3) **PLEASE NOTE:** During the school holidays we will again be sharing services with the North Church. On 7th, 14th and 21st July the services will be at the North Church and there will be no services at Grange or Botriphnie. On 28th July and 4th and 11th August they will be held in St Rufus Church and there will be services as usual at Grange and Botriphnie. Congregations are encouraged to attend any of the services irrespective of the location.

4) There will be no Fly & Friendship Club during the month of July.

5) This year's Fun Week will run from Tuesday, 13 August to Friday, 16 August and the theme will be the Circus. If anyone is able to help or to donate craft supplies, juice or biscuits please contact Michael Newlands.

5) Date for the diary! The Picnic and Parties Coffee morning will take place on Saturday, 21 September in the hall.

6) GIFT AID – If you are a tax payer and donate to the church but haven't completed a gift aid form please consider doing so. It doesn't cost you anything, but the church can claim from the government 25p in every £1 you donate. However, if your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay tax please remember to advise us so that we no longer claim for you. More information can be obtained from Charlie Cameron or Steve MacBeath.

7) 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.

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

Moray Food Bank

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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