

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

TODAY, SUNDAY, 4 August

A warm welcome to members of Keith North Churches

10.15 am – Joint churches service conducted by Eckhardt Bosch (Sunday Club on holiday)

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

Mr Eckhardt Bosch is available for pastoral care. He is happy to be contacted on 01542 882799, 07597020707 or on email at ebosch@churchofscotland.org.uk
He will also be conducting services and funerals.

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 (8 August)

The Fly and Friendship Club meets at 2 pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Isobel Shanks, Andi Ross and Loisa Duguid

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS: -

(a) SUNDAY, 11 August

10.15 am – Joint churches service conducted by Rev Sonia Palmer (Sunday Club on holiday)
No service at Grange

(b) Setting up for the Fun Week is on Monday, August 12 at 4 pm in the hall.

(c) 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. 07880571578

(d) The Fly and Friendship Club meets on Thursday, 15 August at 2 pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Karen Simpson, Norma Gray and Margaret Kerr

(e) SUNDAY, 18 August

10.15 am – United service at St Rufus for the Fun Week Finale (Sunday Club on holiday)
No service at Botriphnie

2.30 pm – Weston View service with rota of Doreen Strathdee, Janice Innes, Frances Davies, Susan Hutcheon, Diane Morison, Heather Strathdee (or their deputies), faithful friends.

6 pm – Healing Service at St Rufus (open to all)

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

1) PASTORAL CARE GROUP – MEN WANTED!

Although several women have volunteered to be part of the group we would, ideally, like some men to come forward to be part of the team. If you are 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) We have received an invitation from Mr and Mrs Oliver Russell to attend an Informal Musical Garden Party for Banffshire at Ballindalloch Castle on Sunday, 18 August. This is to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Strathisla Pipe Band and to mark the retirement of Mrs Clare Russell as Lord Lieutenant of Banffshire.

Gates open at 2.30 pm and the entertainment starts at 3 pm with 5 massed bands of Banffshire, followed by Keith Brass Band and Buckie Boy's Brigade Bugle Band. At 4 pm there is entertainment from Andy McCormack and his Ceilidh Band followed by the Kinloss Military Wives Choir. The Grand March is at 5 pm. Don't forget to bring umbrellas and welly boots! The invitation can be seen on the noticeboard.

3) The tea ladies would like to thank everyone for their donations. Any money received goes towards buying coffee, etc and of course home bakes are always welcome.

4) Aberlour Church Choir and Friends are staging a musical by Roger Jones entitled Greater than Gold – The Story of Mary Jones and her Bible. This will take place in Aberlour Church on Sunday, August 11 at 3 pm. Donations to the Scottish Bible Society and Church Funds. Tea will be served. All welcome.

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

6) Opportunity to meet World Mission Council and Christian Aid Partners – Solar, Saris and Spices. Please see the poster at the door.

7) Lepra is a charity working to support people affected by leprosy. If you are interested in helping raise awareness of this charity, please contact Trish Pakenham from Fochabers at TrishP@lepra.org.uk

8) 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.

9) There is a gathering in Glasgow on Conflict and Faith later this year and one in Perth on Faith in Change and Conflict next year. More information can be got from the posters at the door.

10) 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.

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

12) 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 Plus+

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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