

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

**TODAY, SUNDAY, 17 November**

**Services conducted by Rev Sonia Palmer and Eckhardt Bosch**

10.15 am – St. Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Grange

2.30 pm – Weston View Service with rota of Sheila Fettes, Que Henderson, Esther Green, Duncan and Caroline George (or their deputies), faithful friends.

6 pm – Healing Service - Cancelled

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 available for pastoral care. He is happy to be contacted on 01542 882799, 07597020707 or on email at [ebosch@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:ebosch@churchofscotland.org.uk) He will also be conducting services and funerals.

**Notices of church services will no longer be placed in the Banffshire Herald. Please check Intimations Sheets and Facebook for details of services.**

**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** (21 November)

The Fly & Friendship Club is cancelled due to the By Election

**FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS: -**

**(a) SUNDAY 24 November**

**Services conducted by Eckhardt Bosch**

10.15 am – St. Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Botriphnie

7 pm – Youth Group

**(b)** The Guild meets in the hall on Monday, 25 November at 7.30 pm when John Aitken will be giving a talk on North Korea.

**(c)** Wrapping of the Christmas parcels will take place in St Rufus Church on Wednesday, 27 November at 2 pm and helpers would be greatly appreciated.

**(d)** The Fly & Friendship Club meets on Thursday, 28 November at 2 pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Adeline Anderson, Ann Cameron and Ann Hutton.

**(e)** Norma will be decorating the church for Christmas on Friday, 29 November. Volunteers (especially people able to climb!) should meet in the church at 2 pm.

**(f) SUNDAY 1 December**

**First Sunday in Advent**

**Services conducted by Rev Sonia Palmer and Eckhardt Bosch**

**(Session to meet in the west wing at 10 am)**

10.15 am – St. Rufus with the ordination of new elders (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Grange

**(g)** The Guild Christmas meal is on Monday, 2 December at the Royal Hotel.

**(h)** The Fly & Friendship Club meets on Thursday, 5 December at 2 pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Agnes Riach, Cath Fell and Mary Simpson.

**(i) SUNDAY 8 December**

**Second Sunday in Advent**

**Services conducted by Eckhardt Bosch**

10.15 am – St. Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Botriphnie

7 pm – Youth Group

## ANNOUNCEMENTS...

1) The provisional total for the Christmas Fayre has now risen to £8064.79. Congratulations to everyone who helped to make the Fayre such a success. Preparations started months ago and culminated in a well organised day with everyone pulling together and working hard to achieve a fantastic result. Thanks to all who donated and in particular Barbara would like to say how grateful she is to everyone who gave towards the Youth Group stalls. Thanks to the helpers on the day and to everyone who turned up to show their support and spend their money! Roll on next year!

2) The sum raised for the flower fund from the retiral collection after the communion services is £139.73.

### 3) NEWSLETTER

Material for the Christmas newsletter should be with editor Esther Green no later Saturday, 23 November. Call Esther on 01542 880456 or email [Esther.g@btinternet.com](mailto:Esther.g@btinternet.com)

4) Caroline George has kindly agreed to take over from Mary Gray as Life and Work coordinator.

5) Heather Streeter and Isabel Russell have once again given a donation to the church from their sales of Traidcraft items. They would like to thank everyone for their continuing support of Traidcraft.

6) Barbara is, once again, forward planning to next year's Christmas Fayre! She is appealing to everyone to save any gift bags they may receive and have no use for. They can be any size – small or large and can be for any occasion. Please hand them to Barbara or into Clark's Pharmacy.

### 7) News from Presbytery

CrossReach and Social Care Sunday – 17 November

Prayers for Peace in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories at Spynie Kirk on Thursday, 24 November 4-4.30 pm

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) 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.

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

11) 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)

### 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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