

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

TODAY, SUNDAY, 1 December

First Sunday in Advent

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

(Session to meet in the west porch at 10 am)

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

Please stay for teas, homebakes and fellowship

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 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.

**Notices of church services will no longer be
placed in the Banffshire Herald. Please check
Intimations Sheets and Facebook for details of
services. Past Intimation Sheets are also on the
web page.**

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**

The Advent Wreath

1st candle – (purple) The Prophecy Candle or
Candle of Hope – We can have hope because God
is faithful and will keep the promises made to us.
Our hope comes from God (Romans 15:12-13)

THIS WEEK: -

THIS MONDAY (2 December)

The Guild Christmas meal is at the Royal Hotel.
12.30 for 1 pm.

THIS THURSDAY (5 December)

The Fly & Friendship Club meets at 2 pm in the
Scout Hall. Tea rota - Agnes Riach, Cath Fell and
Mary Simpson.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS: -

(a) 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

**(b) The Fly & Friendship Club Christmas meal on
Thursday, 12 December at 2 pm in the Royal
Hotel**

(c) SUNDAY 15 December

Third Sunday in Advent

**Services conducted by Rev Sonia Palmer,
Michael Newlands and the Youth Group**

10.15 am – St. Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Grange

2.30 pm - Weston View Service with rota of Eric
McWilliam, Ann Hutton, Mary Gray, Fiona
Young and Douglas Milne (or their deputies),
faithful friends.

7 pm – Rotary Carol Service

**(d) The Fly & Friendship Club Christmas Party is
on Thursday, 19 December at 2 pm in the Scout
Hall.**

(e) SUNDAY 22 December

Fourth Sunday in Advent

**Service conducted by Eckhardt Bosch with the
Sunday Club Nativity**

10.15 am – United service at St. Rufus, followed
by Family Lunch provided by the Picnic and
Parties committee at a cost of £1 a head.

6 pm – Healing Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

1) The Youth Group will be reading one chapter of Luke's gospel every day from 1st December. There are 24 chapters telling the full story of Jesus' life, so it makes an appropriate read for advent. Many adults have also shown an interest in following their lead so why don't you consider joining in?

2) The newsletters and Christmas parcels are ready for elders to uplift and distribute.

3) Presbytery News

25 November – 10 December – 16 days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence – more details at www.16dayscampaign.org

1 December – World Aids Day

18-25 January – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

24 January – Prayers for Peace in Israel and the Occupied Territories at Spynie Kirk 4-4.30 pm

4) 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.

5) 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.

6) 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.

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

8) 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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