

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

TODAY, 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

Rev Sonia Palmer (OLM) is 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 Intimation Sheets and Facebook for details of services. Past Intimation Sheets are also on the web page.

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)

2nd candle – (purple) The Bethlehem Candle or Candle of Preparation – God kept his promise of a Saviour who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to ‘get ready’. Help us to be ready to welcome YOU O GOD! (Luke 3:4-6)

3rd candle – (pink) – The Shepherd Candle or Candle of Joy – The angels sang a message of JOY! (Luke 2:7-15)

THIS WEEK: -

THIS THURSDAY (19 December)

The Fly & Friendship Club Christmas Party is at 2 pm in the Scout Hall. Then the Club is on holiday until 9 January.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS: -

(a) SUNDAY 22 December

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Service conducted by Rev Sonia Palmer and Eckhardt Bosch with the Sunday Club Nativity

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

6 pm – Healing Service

(b) TUESDAY 24 December

6 pm – Christingle Service at Grange conducted by Eckhardt Bosch

11.30 pm – Watchnight Service at St Rufus conducted by Rev Sonia Palmer

(Collections at both services for the Sunshine Playgroup)

(c) Joint Churches Christmas Day Service at the North Church at 10.30 am. All welcome.

(d) SUNDAY 29 December

Service conducted by Rev Sonia Palmer

10.15 am – Joint Churches Service at St Rufus (Sunday Club on holiday)

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

(e) SUNDAY 5 January

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club on holiday)

11.45 am – Botriphnie

(f) The Guild's members night is on Monday, 6 January at 7.30 pm in the hall. Members are reminded to bring with them, if possible, a poem, story, song, etc.

(g) The Fly and Friendship Club meets on Thursday, 9 January at 2 pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Pat Winton, Eileen Leighton and Eleanor Leith

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

1) The Youth Group are 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) Well done to members of the Youth Group who have presented Ian Southgate, Social Worker with the Placement Services Team, with Christmas gifts for the care experienced young adults in Moray. Very generous and thoughtful.

4) Thank you to Nicola and her helpers for getting the Christmas parcels ready and to Norma and her helpers for decorating the church.

5) The amount donated at the teas after the service of ordination of elders was £41.43 and this money has gone to Christian Aid.

6) Presbytery News

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

7) 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.

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

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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