

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

TODAY, SUNDAY, 23 February

Services conducted by Michael Newlands

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Grange

6 pm – Healing 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.

THIS WEEK: -

THIS WEDNESDAY (26 February)

The Welcome Committee meets at 7.30 pm in the hall.

THIS THURSDAY (27 February)

The Fly and Friendship Club meets at 2 pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Wilma McIntosh, Loveina Clark and Charlie Cameron

THIS FRIDAY (28 February)

The Youth Group is holding a Family Ceilidh in the British Legion starting at 7.30 pm. Music will be provided by the Strathspey Fiddlers. Tickets are £5 and are available from Clark's Pharmacy or from Youth Group leaders. Snacks will be provided. Raffles and Lucky Squares.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS: -

(a) SUNDAY, 1 March

Services conducted by Rev Sonia Palmer and Eckhardt Bosch

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Botriphnie

7 pm – Youth Group

(b) The Guild meets on Monday, 2 March at 7.30 pm in the hall when Elizabeth Copp will be the guest speaker.

(c) The Fly and Friendship Club meets on Thursday, 5 March at 2 pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Trish Richards, Irene Boyd and Doreen Strathdee.

(d) The World Day of Prayer Service is on Friday, 6 March at 7 pm in St Thomas' Church.

(e) SUNDAY, 8 March

Services conducted by Eckhardt Bosch

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Grange

(f) The Fly and Friendship Club meets on Thursday, 12 March at 2 pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Adeline Anderson, Ann Cameron and Ann Hutton.

(g) SUNDAY, 15 March

Services conducted by Megan Cambridge

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Botriphnie

2.30 pm - Weston View service with rota of Isabel Russell, Ian Barbour, Willie Dingwall, Nan Watson, Janice Innes (or their deputies), faithful friends.

7 pm – Youth Group

(h) The Guild AGM is in the hall on Monday, 16 March at 7.30 pm.

(i) The Fly and Friendship Club meets on Thursday, 19 March at 2 pm in the Scout Hall. Tea rota – Agnes Riach, Cath Fell and Doris Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

1) SUGGESTION BOX – We are inviting you to make suggestions to help encourage people to come back to or to start attending church. Our aim is to make it an inviting place. In particular it would be

good to see some younger people. Any suggestions would be helpful and ideas can be written on slips of paper and placed in the box at the door. For example more family services, services having a more interactive format, maybe holding a mid-week service. All ideas welcome.

2) PARISH NEWSLETTER

All copy for the April edition of the newsletter should be with Esther Green by Friday, 20 March email Esther.g@btinternet.com or call 880456.

3) Flowers for February have been donated by:

2/2/20 – Agnes Paterson

9/2/20 – David Wright

16/2/20 – Rachael Davidson

23/2/20 – The Smith family

4) **Dates for the Diary** – Open to all

Healing Services in St Rufus – 6pm

23 February, 29 March, 26 April, 31 May

and St Columbus South Chapel, Elgin – 6pm

8 March, 5 April, 3 May, 7 June

Bible Study at Williamson Hall 6.30pm

4 and 11 March – Lent Reflections

5) Share/Think Faith

An opportunity to explore questions around life and faith. Journey together to understand the meaning of the Gospel and the Bible. More details can be had from the poster at the door, Eckhardt Bosch or at ebosch@churchofscotland.org.uk

6) There is a Conference on Violence against Women in Dunblane Cathedral Halls on Saturday, 28 March. See poster at the door.

7) There are workshops on Mental Health and Wellbeing in Elgin and Forres in March. See poster at the door for more information.

8) John Bell, prominent Scottish hymn writer and minister, is visiting Buchan Presbytery on 14 and 15 March to hold singing workshops and all are welcome to attend. The event of Saturday afternoon is aimed at those involved in leading worship - Ministers, Readers, Organists, Praise Band members, choir, etc. The evening meeting will be an opportunity for everyone to take part. Both sessions will not just be enjoyable, but also an ideal time to learn new songs and to reflect on leading worship. There are contact details on the poster at the door for more information.

9) The Picnic and Parties Committee is holding a Beetle Drive on Wednesday, 1 April at 7 pm. More details to follow.

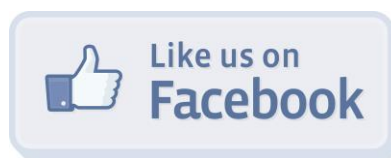
10) Barbara is, once again, forward planning to this year's Christmas Fayre! She is appealing to everyone to save any gift bags they may receive and have no use for. They can be any size – small or large and can be for any occasion. Please hand them to Barbara or into Clark's Pharmacy.

11) 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.

12) 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.

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

14) 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 updated 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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