

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

TODAY, SUNDAY, 16 August

Service conducted by Rev Weikus van Straaten

10 am – United Service at St Rufus

Rev Sonia Palmer (OLM) is our Interim Moderator. She can be contacted on 07748700929 or by email sonia.palmer@yahoo.com Sonia will be on holiday from 24 August to 7 September.

SOLE NOMINEE

We welcome Rev Weikus van Straaten, who is preaching as sole nominee today. Voting will take place after the service.

The service can be viewed again on Facebook and Youtube via this link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oTZj4QsTTuQ&feature=youtu.be>

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:-

(a) SUNDAY, 23 August

Services conducted by Rev Sonia Palmer

10 am/11 am – United Services at St Rufus

Duty elders – Ann Hutton and Barbara Robertson

(b) SUNDAY, 30 August

Services conducted by Christine McWhirter

10 am/11 am – United Services at St Rufus

Duty elders – Neil and Lorna Howie

(c) SUNDAY, 6 September

Services conducted by Megan Cambridge

10 am/11 am – United Services at St Rufus

Duty elders – Sheila Fettes and Susan Hutcheon

(d) SUNDAY, 13 September

Services conducted by Rev Sonia Palmer

10 am/11 am – United Services at St Rufus

Duty elders – Eric McWilliam and Steve Shorten

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

1) Remember to contact Nicola if you wish to attend worship. Contact details for attending worship are

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2) Message from the Moderator of the General Assembly

I have decided to offer A Week of Prayer for Church and Country, believing that as we head into such a critical period we should be 'on our knees' before the One who has promised to lead us. The week will run from Monday 17 to Saturday 22 August and I'm presently working with a group of wonderfully creative colleagues to put it all together. Fuller details will follow, but in brief there will be a short recorded reflection and prayer each morning and an opportunity to gather nationally online each evening. These gatherings will be entirely interactive and there will be ways for individuals and congregations to participate - as little or as much as possible.

I very much hope you'll want to participate in this week, as you are able, and that you'll encourage members to do likewise.

'Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.' Colossians 4:2

Yours in Christ,

Martin Fair

3) Eleanor Gordon, church officer at Botriphnie Church, has resigned with effect from 31 August. Eleanor has done a fantastic job for many years and it is sad to see her go. Huge thanks and best wishes to her from everyone.

This now leaves us without a church officer at Botriphnie. If anyone is interested and would like to know more about what is involved, please contact Nicola.

4) Flowers for August donated by:

2/8/20 – Ann Hutton
9/8/20 – Sheila Donald
16/8/20 – Mrs Whyte
23/8/20 – Mary Gray
30/8/20 – Rosie Watt

5) Due to the restrictions imposed due to Covid-19 the annual Fun Week will not be held on its usual dates. Michael is hoping that it will run instead during the second week of the Tattie Holidays. More details nearer the time.

6) GIFT AID – If you are a taxpayer 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.

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

8) Due to restrictions imposed due to Covid-19 there will be no church transport at the moment. June Cairns co-ordinates the rota for church transport and she is looking for more volunteer drivers once the restrictions have been lifted. Her contact number is 01542 882336.

Moray Food Plus+

Please help those in need of emergency food by donating any long-life foods. There is an increased need now due to the effects of Covid-19.

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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Check out the Kirk webpage which can be found at www.strufus.org