

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

TODAY, SUNDAY, 13 September

Services conducted by Rev Sonia Palmer
10 am/11 am – United Services 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.

Notice is hereby given that this congregation of St Rufus, Botriphnie and Grange has elected Jacobus Petrus Lodewiekus van Straaten, known as Rev Wiekus (pronounced Veekus) van Straaten to be our new minister. Wiekus, his wife and 3 teenage children have now moved into the manse and we welcome them to Keith.

The Call has gone in but if anyone would still like to sign it please contact Nicola. It will also be available in the Kirk on Sundays or in the Kirk shop on Saturdays 9.30 am – 1 pm.

Any person whose name is on the Electoral Register of the congregation may sign the Call in person or by means of a mandate. If a mandate is to be used, the relevant form may be obtained from the Session Clerk.

A Paper of Concurrence is also available for signature by any person who is connected with the congregation but whose name is not on the Electoral Register of the congregation. Children are also welcome to add their names to this paper. Please take the time to sign the Call.

INDUCTION

Rev Wiekus van Straaten's induction will take place virtually on Thursday, 24 September at 7 pm. It may be possible to watch via Zoom and if you wish to do so please give your name to Nicola.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:-

(a) SUNDAY, 20 September

10 am/11 am – United Services at St Rufus
conducted by Rev Sonia Palmer
Duty elders – Ian Barbour and Philip Davidson

(b) SUNDAY, 27 September

Services conducted by Rev Wiekus van Straaten
10.15 am – St Rufus
Duty elders – Esther Green and Que Henderson
11.45 am – Botriphnie

(c) SUNDAY, 4 October

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10.15 am – St Rufus
11.45 am – Grange

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

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

01542 488673 07507234423
strufuschurch@gmail.com

2) CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Although there will be no Christmas Fayre this year due to the restrictions we aim to still do some fund raising so that the church won't miss out entirely. We still plan to have the Hamper Raffle and it is now that time of year when we make an appeal for donations. Items can be left at the door of the church on Sundays or dropped off at the Kirk Shop in Mid Street. Donations can also be handed to Sandra Gerrie or Joan MacBeath. Please ensure that the use by date is at least 31 October. Monetary donations are also welcome as this would enable us to buy any items we are short of. Thank you. Raffle books are available from elders, the Kirk Shop, Nicola or Joan.

3) VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Elders can pick up their newsletters for onward distribution today at the door, in the Kirk Shop on Monday or Friday all day, Saturday morning or, by arrangement, from Nicola. The newsletter will detail the plans we have for this year's virtual Christmas Fayre. We welcome donations for the on-line Lucky Squares (we already have a cat hamper, a dog hamper and an afternoon tea) and the ordinary raffle which, this year, will be part of the Hamper Raffle.

4) 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.

5) Flowers for September donated by:

6/9/20 – June Cairns

13/9/20 – Charlie Cameron

20/9/20 – Greta Cruickshank

27/9/20 – Barbara Robertson

6) 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.

7) 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.

8) 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.

9) 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.



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. 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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