

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

TODAY, SUNDAY, 20 September

Services conducted by Rev Sonia Palmer
10 am/11 am – United Services at St Rufus

Thank you Rev Sonia Palmer

We have to say a sad farewell to Rev Sonia Palmer (OLM) who has acted as our Interim Moderator for the past 2 years. She has done a fantastic job and we thank her for all she has done for us. She has already offered her services for pulpit supply, when necessary, so we shall see her again.

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 Ansie, and children, Nalize, Wiekus and Mihandri have now moved into the manse and we welcome them to Keith.

Wiekus will start preaching on Sunday, 27 September at which point we will revert to original times and venues.

He can be contacted on
01542882799 or 07845423506 or
wvanstraaten@churchofscotland.org.uk,

INDUCTION

Wiekus's induction will take place virtually on Thursday, 24 September at 7 pm. It is possible to watch via Zoom and if you wish to do so please give your name to Nicola or email her on strufuschurch@gmail.com

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:-

(a) 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

(b) SUNDAY, 4 October

10.15 am – St Rufus
Duty elders – Fiona Simpson and Isabel Russell
11.45 am – Grange

(c) SUNDAY, 11 October

10.15 am – St Rufus
Duty elders – Linda Willox and Lorna Allison
11.45 am – Botriphnie

(d) SUNDAY, 18 October

10.15 am – St Rufus
Duty elders – Mary Gray and Pat Winton
11.45 am – Grange

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

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

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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 we now 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 to everyone who has already donated.

Raffle books are available from your elder, the Kirk Shop, Nicola Smith, Joan MacBeath or Barbara Robertson. Please return by 26 October.

3) VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

We welcome donations for the on-line Lucky Squares (we already have a cat hamper, a dog hamper, a gin hamper, an afternoon tea voucher and a couple more) and the ordinary raffle which, this year, will be part of the Hamper Raffle. Due to the tighter restrictions now in place the "TEA at 2" idea will of course have to be limited to only 2 households.

The Fun Walk round Keith route map will be available soon.

4) PARISH NEWSLETTER

All contribution for the newsletter should be sent to Esther Green at esther.g@btinternet.com or telephone on 880456 please.

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) Memory Walk 2020 – Alzheimer Scotland

This year the walk will be done individually on 19 and 20 September.

To get involved all you have to do is sign up for FREE, ask your nearest and dearest to do the same and consider raising money for Alzheimer Scotland. Once you are registered you'll have access to exclusive content. Then all that's left to do is choose where you will walk and who will join you. Sign up now:

<https://www.alzscot.org/memorywalk>

See the poster at the door or on the Facebook page.

7) The decision has been taken to cancel the Fun Week for this year. With current restrictions it would be very difficult to run safely. Hopefully it will be back next year.

8) 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.

9) 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.

10) 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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