

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

TODAY, SUNDAY, 18 October

10.15 am – St Rufus

11.45 am – Grange

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Booking for the Communion Services at St Rufus and Botriphnie on Sunday, 25 October.

You can submit an online booking request for these services by going to the congregation's Facebook Page and press/click on "Book Now", fill out the form at www.strufus.org or you can scan the following qr code with your mobile phones which will direct you to the online form:



FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:-

(a) SUNDAY, 25 October

Celebration of Holy Communion

10.15 am – St Rufus

Duty elders – Norma Gray and Doreen Strathdee

11.45 am – Botriphnie

Retiring collections for Christian Aid

(b) The draw for the Christmas Hampers will take place on Saturday, 31 October.

(c) SUNDAY, 1 November

Celebration of Holy Communion

10.15 am – St Rufus

Duty elders – Adam Murray and Bill Hardie

11.45 am – Grange

Retiring collections for Christian Aid

(d) SUNDAY, 8 November

10.15 am – St Rufus

Duty elders – Sandra Gerrie and Malcolm Morrison

11.45 am – Botriphnie

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

1) Although we are returning to our usual times and locations numbers are still restricted so please continue to contact Nicola if you wish to attend worship. If St Rufus is fully booked you may wish to attend church at Grange or Botriphnie.

Contact details for attending worship are

01542 488673

07507234423

strufuschurch@gmail.com

You can also use the online booking form which is available on Facebook and the webpage.

2) The newsletters and communion cards are available for collection from the Kirk Shop by elders for distribution.

3) CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to the Christmas hampers. Your generosity has enabled us to make up 25 hampers.

Please return raffle books and money by 26 October. If you are unable to sell all your tickets please return the unsold ones as soon as possible so that we get a chance to sell them as we have no books left.

4) VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The online raffle is doing well. At the moment we have three – Children, Dogs and Cats. Ones to come are – Pet Drawing by Sheila Fettes, Pamper, Christmas, Sweetie, Wine and a big Drink's one. Keep your eye on Facebook or contact Nicola direct. If you chose a number for any of the online raffles, please pay promptly to enable the draw to take place. The Fun Walk round Keith sheets are now available from the Kirk Shop at a cost of £1. You may wish to use the sponsor form on the back as an additional way to raise money for the Kirk. Choose from easy or medium length or do them both! Alternatively, make up your own and collect sponsorship.

Face masks (made by a member of the congregation) are also available to buy from the Kirk shop with proceeds going to the Fayre.

So far with donations, raffle sales, lucky numbers and other enterprises we have reached a total of £2002.

Thank you to everyone who is helping to keep our Virtual Christmas Fayre alive.

5) Appeal for helpers

We would like some helpers to deliver the hampers

and other prizes on Saturday, 31 October. If you are able to help please meet at the Kirk at 2 pm.

6) Flowers for October donated by:

4/10/20 – Malcolm Morrison

11/10/20 – June Miller

18/10/20 – Margaret Rutherford

25/10/20 – Session

Flower Fund – a few spaces have become available in the flower calendar. If anyone wishes to donate flowers, give money on an annual basis or take turns to arrange flowers please contact Norma on 882019.

7) A grant is available from the Thomas and Margaret Dick trust fund for any member of St Rufus, Botriphnie and Grange church or Keith North, Newmill, Boharm and Rothiemay church who is over the age of 60 and in need of financial support. Initially the fund was for payment of coal over the Christmas season but as time as moved on and coal is less common the trustees will issue vouchers redeemable at local businesses ie Websters and Thomson Butchers, Deli Shop and McPhersons to buy essentials, thus enabling you to save some money to help pay for heating bills. The value of the vouchers depend on the interest accrued over the year and the number of applicants. The forms for application are available from the Kirk Shop, Mid Street. Once returned (to Kirk Shop) an official from either of the churches will sign to confirm the application. Application is only needed for initial payment and will carry forward each year, Therefore If you received vouchers last year, there is no need to apply again year, you will automatically receive. For further information contact Nicola Smith 01542 488673 or by email at beefair192@gmail.com

8) Due to coronavirus the Kirk Session has, reluctantly, made the decision that, for the present, St Rufus, Botriphnie and Grange churches will not be able to host any weddings or funerals. The government guidelines are such that we would not be able to do so safely. Funeral directors are more in a position to do this and are able to provide live online coverage of funeral services thus enabling more people to attend virtually. This is not possible at St Rufus, Botriphnie and Grange churches. We understand your disappointment but once the restrictions are lifted memorial services can be arranged for anyone who wishes it.

9) October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, an annual campaign to raise awareness of the disease.

Breast Cancer UK is running a “25 Saves Lives” campaign which is about inspiring you to get physically active. Studies show that being physically active, not just exercising, can help reduce the risk by up to 20%. The charity is urging people to take on the 25 Challenge by choose a physical activity based around the number 25. You can join the virtual 25 Fitness Festival on Sunday 25 October for a day of mood boosting endorphins. If anyone is worried that they may have breast cancer please don't put off going to see your doctor.

10) Keith and Strathisla Covid-19 volunteers, supported by Moray Food Plus, operate a community larder on Wednesdays from 1-2pm at the Longmore Community Hall. They offer free, non-judgemental assistance. They are also looking for anyone willing to help even if it is just for an hour or two. For more information please contact Keith or Strathisla Community Councils.

11) 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.

12) 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 Covis-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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