

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

TODAY, SUNDAY, 15 November

10.15 am – St Rufus

11.45 am – Grange

Volunteers please to stay behind after today's service to help take down the poppy display.

Wiekus van Straaten is our minister and he can be contacted on

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Booking for Services

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

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You can submit an online booking request for 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:



Wiekus's Weekly Words

If you would like Wiekus to send messages to your phone you can send him your mobile number (which he will not share with anyone else and it will not be visible to anyone else) and he will send short messages on Whats App to you on a regular basis. This will all be done confidentially. His dedicated mobile number is **07341 370133**.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:-

(a) SUNDAY, 22 November

10.15 am – St Rufus

Duty elders – Frances McKenzie and Wilma Robertson

11.45 am – Botriphnie

(b) The Session will meet via Zoom on Wednesday, 25 November at 7 pm. If you are unsure about using Zoom please contact Nicola who will help you set it up.

(c) SUNDAY, 29 November

First Sunday in Advent

10.15 am – St Rufus

Duty elders – Kevin Strathdee and Kathleen Roy

11.45 am – Grange

(d) SUNDAY, 6 December

Second Sunday in Advent

10.15 am – St Rufus

Duty elders – Ann Hutton and Barbara Robertson

11.45 am – Botriphnie

(e) SUNDAY, 13 December

Third Sunday in Advent

10.15 am – St Rufus

Duty elders – Neil and Lorna Howie

11.45 am – Grange

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

1) VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The total paid into the bank now stands at **£6003**. There may be a few small amounts to add to that. This is an incredible amount given the restraints we were working under and many, many thanks go to everyone who donated, spent money and helped organise the Virtual Christmas Fayre. You all helped, not only make it possible, but to ensure that it was a huge success. Hopefully, we should be able to revert to our usual format next year.

2) Flowers for November donated by:

1/11/20 – Irene Henderson

8/11/20 – Remembrance Sunday

15/11/20 – Alison Pirie

22/11/20 – Lorna Allison

29/11/20 – Nan Watson

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.

3) The retiring collections after the communion services have raised £387.20 for Christian Aid. Thanks to everyone who donated.

4) Thank you to Norma, her 2 helpers and the 3 members of the Property committee who have done a fantastic job decorating St Rufus for Remembrance Sunday. The red poppies are for people who gave their lives and the purple poppies for the animals.

5) The church will be decorated for Christmas on Saturday, 28 November. Norma would appreciate some helpers please – especially people who can climb! Please meet in the church at 2 pm.

6) 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 depends 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

7) 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.

8) 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.

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 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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