

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

TODAY, SUNDAY, 13 December **Third Sunday in Advent**

10.15 am – St Rufus

11.45 am – Grange

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

01542 882799 or 07341 370133 or

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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

strufuschurch@gmail.com

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, 20 December

Fourth Sunday in Advent

10 am – United Service at St Rufus

11 am – United Service at St Rufus

Both with takeaway lunchbags

Duty elders – Sheila Fettes and Susan Hutcheon

(b) THURSDAY, 24 December

6 pm – Christingle Service at St Rufus

No Watchnight Service

People who booked or will be booking for the Christingle Service should, if possible, bring the following items along.

- An orange
- A short white candle stick approximately 10 cm long
- A square of tin foil big enough to catch the candle wax as it drops
- A red ribbon or paper frill long enough to go around the orange
- Dried fruits and/or sweets skewered on cocktail sticks

(c) SUNDAY, 27 December

10.15 am – United Service at St Rufus

Duty elders – Eric McWilliam and Steve Shorten

(d) SUNDAY, 3 January

10.15 am – St Rufus

Duty elders – Ian Barbour and Philip Davidson

11.45 am – Botriphnie

(e) SUNDAY, 10 January

10.15 am – St Rufus

Duty elders – Esther Green and Que Henderson

11.45 am – Grange

(f) SUNDAY, 17 January

10.15 am – St Rufus

Duty elders – Fiona Simpson and Isabel Russell

11.45 am – Botriphnie

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

1) Message from Michael Newlands, Youth Group Leader

As you know, the last few Christmas' we have brought in presents to help with the kids who are leaving care. This year we want to help the MFR "Mission Christmas" appeal. It would very much be appreciated if you could donate something, specifically an unwrapped present for this. The age range is from babies up to teenagers.

The cut-off date is the 16th of December, and if you could drop the presents off at the Clark's Pharmacy for Barbara to gather, that would be fantastic.

Please, if you can, donate to this very worthwhile cause.

2) Flowers for December donated by:

6/12/20 – Allana Whyne

13/12/20 – Ella McKenzie

20/12/20 – Christmas

27/12/20 – Patricia Grant

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) 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.

4) 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.

5) 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.

6) 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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