

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

TODAY, SUNDAY, 18 April

We welcome Anne-Marie Simpson who is conducting the services today.

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 wvanstraaten@churchofscotland.org.uk

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

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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 WhatsApp to you on a regular basis. This will all be done confidentially. His dedicated mobile number is **07341 370133**.

RETIRING COLLECTIONS IN AID OF REV CHRISTO WOODING – COMMUNION SERVICES

Meet Rev Christo Wooding of the Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa who is based in Kokstad, South Africa.

He is in his final year of ministry as he will be retiring at the end of February 2022. His ministry stretches over 30 years in a vast impoverished area on the eastern side of South Africa in the KwaZulu-Natal and

the Eastern Cape Provinces. Under his competent leadership, a couple of nursery schools have been established at the outposts where he ministers, and where no other schools exist. Rev Wooding's ministry is completely financed by means of voluntary donations from individuals and churches. The Retiring Collections on 25 April and 2 May will be in aid of Rev Wooding's ministry and paid

to the *Kokstad Sendingfonds* (Kokstad Mission Fund) from which his ministry is financed. Please help Rev Wooding to complete his ministry gracefully by contributing toward this worthy cause. Many thanks.



FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:-

(a) SUNDAY, 25 April

Celebration of Holy Communion

10.15 am – St Rufus

Duty elders – Linda Willox and Lorna Allison

11.45 am – Botriphnie

(b) SUNDAY, 2 May

Celebration of Holy Communion

10.15 am – St Rufus

Duty elders – Mary Gray and Pat Winton

11.45 am – Grange

(c) SUNDAY, 9 May

10.15 am – United Service at St Rufus followed by ASM

Duty elders – Doreen Strathdee and Norma Gray

(d) SUNDAY, 16 May

10.15 am – St Rufus

Duty elders – Adam Murray and Bill Hardie

11.45 am – Grange

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

1) CHRISTIAN AID

This runs from 10-16 May and we will have lucky number draws for prizes including whisky, wine, chocolates and other donated goodies. We are partnering with Keith: North, Newmill, Boharm and Rothiemay Church on this fundraiser. Numbers, priced £1 each, will be listed on Facebook and available via the Kirk Shop or Nicola.

To donate a prize contact Christian Aid convener Ann Hutton on 01542 882187 or annhutt051@googlemail.com

2) Flowers for April donated by:

18/4/21 – Rosie Watt

25/4/21 – Communion

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 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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