

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

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TODAY, SUNDAY, 1 August

A warm welcome to members of the congregations of the North Churches

10.15 am – St Rufus

11.45 am – Botriphnie

There is now no need to book for services with Nicola. Please follow the social distancing guidelines and sit only where there is a “Sit Here” sign. It is still mandatory for face coverings to be worn at all times (unless you are exempt). Thank you for your co-operation.

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**.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:-

(a) SUNDAY, 8 August

10.15 am – St Rufus

Duty elders – Sheila Fettes and June Cairns

11.45 am – Grange

(b) SUNDAY, 15 August

10.15 am – St Rufus

Duty elders – Eric McWilliam and Steven Shorten

11.45 am – Botriphnie

(c) SUNDAY, 22 August

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club resumes)

Duty elders – Ian Barbour and Philip Davidson

11.45 am – Grange

(d) SUNDAY, 29 August

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

Duty elders – Esther Green and Que Henderson

11.45 am – Botriphnie

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

1) The Sunday Club will start up again on Sunday, 22 August. Children should meet at St Rufus Church at 10.15 am and stay until after the All Age Address. They will then be taken up to St Rufus Hall from where they can be collected after the service.

2) The Committee to Nominate the Moderator is now inviting nominations for the 2022-2023 Moderator of the General Assembly. You are encouraged to participate in the process. There might be someone you would like to nominate. All of the necessary details are on the website.

churchofscotland.org.uk/news-and-events

The closing date for nominations is Friday, 13 August.

Finally, please uphold the Committee in your prayers as the members will themselves be praying for God's leading in the task that is theirs.

3) Appeal for help from Moray Fresh Start

- MFS aims to assist the resettlement of homeless in Moray – as such the charity is reliant upon suitable donations from the

public – the prevailing COVID pandemic has caused these donations to be markedly reduced and they are now running short of many items to distribute.

- Moray Fresh Start is a charity which supports people who have been made homeless and are moving into a new tenancy in Moray by providing a pack of basic household items that help them to make a new beginning.
- Please see our website - <http://www.morayfreshstart.org.uk/> for the type of items we need. Due to current covid restrictions, donations can be made by appointment only.
- For more information, and/or to arrange a donation, please contact us on 01343 550566 or email contact@morayfreshstart.org.uk

4) 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.

5) 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.

6) 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.

7) 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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