

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

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TODAY, SUNDAY, 15 August

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) There will be a meeting of the Guild Committee on Wednesday, 18 August at 2 pm in the hall.

(b) SUNDAY, 22 August

10.15 am – St Rufus (**Sunday Club resumes**)

Duty elders – Ian Barbour and Philip Davidson

11.45 am – Grange

7 pm – **Youth Group**

(c) SUNDAY, 29 August

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

Duty elders – Esther Green and Que Henderson

11.45 am – Botriphnie

(d) SUNDAY, 5 September

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

Duty elders – Fiona Simpson and Isabel Russell

11.45 am – Grange

7 pm – Youth Group

(e) SUNDAY, 12 September

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

Duty elders – Linda Willox and Lorna Allison

11.45 am – Botriphnie

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

1) Climate Sunday – 29 August



The UK will host the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) in Glasgow on 31 October – 12 November. Climate Sunday, an initiative by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI), is calling on local churches to have a special climate-focused Service and ours will be on **Sunday, 29 August**.

Eco-Congregation Scotland chairperson Mary Sweetland says

"We need to take action as Christians who care for God's creation, tackling the climate emergency with urgency now and for future generations. When we welcome thousands from around the world,

online or in person to COP26, we can all demonstrate that we are taking action and leading by example in our own church and across the country."

"We all share a unique opportunity this year for transformational change, taking practical steps to change our own behaviour and calling on governments to agree global action when they gather in Glasgow. Climate Sunday helps link this directly with our spiritual life, focussing local churches on the environment in worship, prayer and action."

Climate Sunday culminates with a major online service in Glasgow on Sunday 5th September 2021, the first Sunday in **Creation Time**, to share church commitments across the nations and pray for bold action with courageous leadership at the conference.

2) 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.

3) The Youth Group will resume on Sunday, 22 August at 7 pm in St Rufus Hall. The meetings are fortnightly.

4) 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

5) 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.

6) 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.

7) 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.

8) June Cairns co-ordinates the rota for church transport and 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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