

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

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TODAY, SUNDAY, 19 September

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Grange

7 pm – Youth Group

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, including when singing, (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, 26 September

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

Duty elders – Doreen Strathdee and Norma Gray

11.45 am – Botriphnie

(b) The Session will meet at 7 pm on Wednesday, 29 September in St Rufus Hall.

(c) SUNDAY, 3 October – All Age Harvest Thanksgiving

10.15 am – United Service at St Rufus (Sunday Club in church)

Retiring collection in aid of Christian Aid

Please stay behind for fellowship and teas/coffees and biscuits. Sorry, no home bakes

Duty elders – Adam Murray and Bill Hardie

7 pm – Youth Group

(d) The Guild will meet on Tuesday, 5 October at 2 pm when John Aitken will be giving a talk on Old Cullen.

(e) SUNDAY, 10 October – Guild Dedication Service

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club on holiday)

Duty elders – Sandra Gerrie and Malcolm Morrison

11.45 am – Botriphnie

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

1) It is now that time of year when we make an appeal for donations for the **CHRISTMAS HAMPERS**. This raffle takes in a lot of money, so your donations are greatly appreciated. Items can be left at the door of the church or dropped off at the Kirk Shop in Mid Street. Donations can also be handed to Sandra Gerrie or Joan MacBeath. Please ensure that the **use by date is at least mid November**. Thank you. The raffle tickets are now ready and are available from Nicola or Joan. They will be distributed to elders shortly.

2) PARISH NEWSLETTER

All contribution for the newsletter should be sent to Esther Green at esther.g@btinternet.com or telephone on 880456 by 10 October please.

3) A service to mark the transfer of the Forres area churches to the Inverness Presbytery will be held in St Leonard's Church, Forres on Thursday, 30 September at 7 pm. All are welcome to attend.

4) Afghanistan Appeal

Buckie South & West and Portgordon Enzie Parish churches, along with Findochty and Portknockie Parish churches, are drop off collection points to help Afghani refugees. Item donations will be sent through Care4Calais. Items needed are clothing, shoes, toiletries and soft toys. They can be dropped off at marked bins at Church of Scotland, Findochty or Seafield Hall, Portknockie on Wednesdays 10-11 am. Also, at Portgordon Enzie Parish Church on Tuesdays 3-4 pm or Buckie South and West Parish Church on Wednesdays 1-2 pm or Thursdays 6-7 pm.

To help disperse funds, the Buckie and Portgordon churches will send financial donations through Christian Aid, whilst the Findochty and Portknockie churches will send through Tearfund and British Red Cross. However, there are other great charitable organisations you can also donate through such as Scottish Faiths Actions for Refugees or Scottish Refugee Council.

5) Touchdown Memorial Home for Horses (a non-profit organization) has an Open Day on Saturday, 2 October to launch their indoor school. Gates open at 10 am. There will be tours of the stables and a horse parade including Lauder the ex police horse who will also do a few Clydesdale rides. There will also be demonstrations of barefoot hoof trimming, "Think Like A Pony", horse physiotherapy and rural activities including circus skills, crafts and many more. Hot and cold food. Fully accessible. Ample parking. Entry £5 per car.

There is a raffle for which tickets can be bought in advance or on the day First prize is a beautiful unicorn painting; second prize a lovely rocking horse which will delight any child or grandchild; various other wonderful prizes!

At 2 pm there is our Fun Dog Show judged by successful local dog owner and featuring the following classes:

Waggiest Tail

Best Rescue

Dog The Judge would most like to take home

Dog Most Like its owner

Rosettes to sixth place and a special rosette for best child handler

Entry forms from show secretary –

Frances Davies-Oerlemans, Touchdown Memorial Home for Horses, The Stables, Mulben AB55 6YX.

6) 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

7) Flowers for September donated by:

5/9/21 – June Cairns

12/9/21 – Charlie Cameron

19/9/21 – Norma Gray

26/9/21 –

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.

8) 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.

9) 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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