

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

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TODAY, SUNDAY, 3 October – Harvest Thanksgiving

10.15 am – United All Age 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

7 pm – Youth Group

There is 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) The Guild will meet on Tuesday, 5 October at 2 pm when John Aitken will be giving a talk on Old Cullen. Please remember to bring a cup.

(b) There will be a meeting on Wednesday, 6 October at 7 pm in St Rufus Hall to discuss and finalise arrangements for the Christmas Fayre. Please go along if you can help in any way.

(c) 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

(d) SUNDAY, 17 October

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club on holiday)

Duty elders – Caroline and Duncan George and Frances McKenzie

11.45 am – Grange

Youth Group on holiday until 7 November

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 elders and from the Kirk Shop. Final date for hamper donations is Sunday, 17 October.

2) CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The decision has been made that there **will** be a Christmas Fayre this year although there will have to be changes made to try to keep it as safe as possible. It will be held on Saturday, 6 November in the Longmore Community Hall 10 am – 12 noon. There will only be teas/coffees – no soup and sweet. The only stalls will be Hampers, Big Raffle, Bottle, Barbara's Lucky Bags and several Lucky Squares (at the moment we know there will be a Christmas one and a Sweetie one). Some of the Lucky Squares will be started on Facebook and if not sold out will continue in the hall on the day. All the stalls will be spread out in the big hall to avoid too close contact. Even if your stall will not be running on the day we would be grateful if you would consider helping in some other capacity as we will need more help than usual on the stalls which will be running. If you can help please let Margaret Henderson know on 01542 887104 or better still please turn up to the meeting on Wednesday. Donations for the raffle, bottle stall or lucky squares would be very much appreciated. Please hand into the church or to the Kirk Shop.

3) 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.

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) Flowers for October donated by:

3/10/21 – Malcolm Morrison

10/10/21 – Willie Dingwall

17/10/21 – Lorna Howie

24/10/21 – Steve and Joan MacBeath

31/10/21 – Session

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) 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) 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.

GIVING THANKS WORDSEARCH

Giving Thanks

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name. Psalm 100:4

The puzzle is based on Psalm 100



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W Q K V B O F H A N E N V G S
Y Q O X Q Y P O G T D A G C F
W L K Z R S N W R O E U R J U
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O U R F E I X E U U V H N E H
Y O T S D J C H O K F E N B S
A T E T H J R H O J O Y R H W
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D A P I R H M V I Q S H E E P
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WORSHIP	EARTH	JOY	LOVE	ENTER
ENDURES	FOREVER	SHEEP	THANKS	SHOUT
SONGS	PASTURE	GLADNESS	GATES	PRAISE

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