

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

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TODAY, SUNDAY, 17 October

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club on holiday)

11.45 am – Grange

Youth Group on holiday until 7 November

ELDERS – Newsletters and Communion Cards are ready to uplift.

There is no need to book for services with Nicola. Entry is now by the main door. 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, 24 October

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club resumes)

Duty elders – Wilma Robertson, Kevin Strathdee and Kathleen Roy

11.45 am – Botriphnie

(b) SUNDAY, 31 October

10.15 am – Communion at St Rufus (Sunday Club)

Duty elders – Neil and Lorna Howie and Frances Davies

11.45 am – Communion at Grange

(c) The Guild will meet on Tuesday, 2 November at 2 pm in St Rufus Hall when Julie-Ann Henderson will be giving a demonstration on wreath making. Please remember to bring a cup and a raffle prize.

(d) SUNDAY, 7 November

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

Duty elders – Susan Hutcheon, Ann Hutton and Sheena Edwards

11.45 am – Communion at Botriphnie

7 pm – Youth Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

1) 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.

Hampers will be made up on Wednesday, 20 October at 2 pm. If you are able to help, please meet at St Rufus Church at 2 pm.

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 Raffle, Big Raffle, Bottle Stall, Barbara's Lucky Bags, Produce, Craft, Good as New (no clothes), the Sunday Club £1 lucky stall 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. We cannot run the book stall, cake and candy, bric a brac or toys

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 Joan MacBeath on 01542 882185. **We particularly need servers for the teas.** Donations for the raffle, bottle stall, lucky bags, £1 lucky stall or lucky squares would be very much appreciated. Please hand into the church or to the Kirk Shop.

We also would like donations of full fat milk for the coffee. Please let Joan know if you can donate. The hall will be open on the Friday 10 am -12 noon and 7-9 pm for setting up and for dropping off donations.

3) Kirk session have approved documents requested by presbytery. Both documents, "Footprint" and "5 Marks of Mission" are available to view on the church website. Any comments or feedback you may have on these documents are welcome. The focus group is due to meet with presbytery in November.

4) The sum of £275 was donated after the Harvest Thanksgiving Service and this has gone to Christian Aid. Thank you everyone.

5) REHIS Introduction to Food Hygiene level 1 by e-Learning

It is a legal requirement that anyone who handles or prepares food and drink is appropriately trained and/or supervised. This course is suitable for anyone who handles and prepares food and drink and will be especially useful for anyone who bakes at home on behalf of their congregation. This will help ensure that all members and volunteers have received suitable training.

This course will take approximately 2 hours to complete, is interactive and participants will be encouraged to reflect on their food safety knowledge and skills. There are no tests or exams during or after this course.

This course is delivered through a third party training partner and is entirely online so you will need access to a computer or tablet with a suitable internet connection. At the end of the course you will receive an approved REHIS Introduction to Food Hygiene certificate.

If you wish to register for the course there is an on line form

<https://forms.office.com/r/SQncvKdWus>

Alternatively contact Nicola for more information.

6) The BALL (Be Active Live Long) Group has started up again and is looking for new members (men or women). The next meeting is in St Rufus Hall on Wednesday, 20 October at 10.30 am. The group encourages gentle exercise, enjoys crafting, quizzing, hosting speakers and having tea and a chat. The BALL group is supported by Health and Social Care Moray.

7) 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

8) 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.

9) 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.

10) 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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