

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

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**TODAY, SUNDAY, 7 November**

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

Volunteers, please to help after the service to decorate for Remembrance Sunday

7 pm – Youth Group

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) The Fly & Friendship Club will have a trial meeting on Thursday, 11 November at 2 pm in the Scout Hall. Face coverings should be worn except during tea time (price £1.50) which will be served at your seat. Please remember to bring a cup.

**(b) SUNDAY, 14 November – Remembrance Sunday**

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

Duty elders – Barbara Robertson, Phyllis Bowman and June Cairns

11.30 am – Wreath laying at Botriphnie (also at Grange later)

(c) Reports for the next Session meeting should be in by Sunday, 14 November.

**(d) SUNDAY, 21 November**

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

Duty elders – Eric McWilliam, Steve Shorten and Philip Davidson

Volunteers, please to stay behind after the service and help decorate for the Christmas services

11.45 am – Botriphnie

7 pm – Youth Group

(e) The Kirk Session will meet on Wednesday, 24 November at 7 pm in the hall.

**(f) SUNDAY, 28 November – First Sunday in Advent**

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

Duty elders – Ian Barbour, Isabel Russell and Esther Green

11.45 am – Grange

**ANNOUNCEMENTS...**

1) Huge thanks to everyone who helped yesterday at the Fayre. It was great to see so many helpers and customers. Congratulations to all the lucky winners. The final total will be announced in church next Sunday.

2) There will be a service of 'Setting Apart' of Grant Cumming as a Reader in the Church on Thursday, 18 November at 7 pm in St Giles Church, Elgin. A warm welcome is extended to all who wish to attend this special service, conducted by the Presbytery of Moray.

3) Kirk session has approved documents requested by presbytery. Both documents, "Footprint" and "5 Marks of Mission" are available to view on the church website [strufus.org/documents.php](http://strufus.org/documents.php) Any comments or feedback you may have on these documents are welcome. In particular there are 2 questions members of the congregation can comment on.

- What does the future look like for the congregation?
- What roles can support your congregation in that future?

Please comment by 16 November. The focus group is due to meet with presbytery in November to discuss the questions.

4) Contributions for the December newsletter should be with Esther Green by Tuesday, 16 November. [esther.g@btinternet.com](mailto:esther.g@btinternet.com) or telephone on 880456.

#### **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) 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](mailto:contact@morayfreshstart.org.uk)

7) Flowers for November and December donated by:

7/11/21 – Alison Pirie

14/11/21 – Remembrance

21/11/21 – Lorna Allison  
28/11/21 – Nan Watson  
5/12/21 – Allana Wynne  
12/12/21 – Ella McKenzie  
19/12/21 – Christmas  
26/12/21 – Patricia Grant

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](http://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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