

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

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**TODAY, SUNDAY, 20 February**

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Grange

**REMINDER FROM THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

The regulation which makes it a legal requirement to wear a face covering in churches and other indoor public spaces has not changed and we urge every congregation to abide by the law and make it clear to all attendees that they must wear a face covering with the exception of those who are under the age of 12 or who have a genuine medical exemption. We also remind congregations of the requests from the Scottish government that we should invite individuals to keep a distance from other households and that we also keep a list of those who attend services for the use of Test & Protect in the event of a positive Covid case linked to the building.

**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 meet on Thursday, 24 February 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, 27 February**

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

Duty elders – Lorna Allison, Mary Gray and Pat Winton

11.45 am – Botriphnie

(c) The Guild will meet on Tuesday, 1 March at 2 pm in the hall when Margaret King will be the guest speaker. Please remember to bring your own cup and to wear a face covering.

(d) The Fly & Friendship Club will meet on Thursday, 3 March 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.

(e) The Service for the World Day of Prayer will take place in St Rufus Church on Friday, 4 March at 7 pm followed by teas. All welcome.

**(f) SUNDAY, 6 March**

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

Duty elders – Doreen Strathdee, Norma Gray and Adam Murray

11.45 am – Grange

(g) The Guild Coffee Morning will be on Saturday, 12 March 10-12 in the hall. Good as New, Bottle Stall and Raffles. Sorry, no homebakes. Adults £2.50 Children £1.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS...**

**1) FAITHFUL WITNESS COURSE**

God wants you! He uses people like yourself to become part of the church's mission of reaching out to your neighbour with conviction and integrity.

In prayerful dependence, we are inviting you to join the Faithful Witnesses Course where you'll be equipped to be a faithful witness to Jesus Christ while probing deep into your own faith experiences to discover what you believe and why you believe it.

The course is designed to make possible the deepening of personal faith along with the development of practical skills. Among the goals to be pursued are:

- Developing communications skills
- Identifying barriers to faith sharing
- Probing the meaning of your faith
- Exploring the gospel meaning
- Practicing and acquiring witnessing skills

This course will be presented from 4 April 2022 every Monday (excluding 11 April 2022) at 7 pm at the St. Rufus Church Hall. It consists of twelve weekly class sessions of maximum two hours each. Participants will receive a workbook with easy homework assignments after each session.

Please think and pray about this, and if you are convinced that you can commit yourself to attend each session faithfully, pick up a leaflet at the door and return it to the church or scan the QR code by 27 March 2022.

For more information, feel free to contact Wiekus on 01542 882799,  
07845 423506 or [WvanStraaten@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:WvanStraaten@churchofscotland.org.uk)



**3) Christian Aid Scotland's** flagship supporter event takes place on Tuesday 22 February (10am-12pm). For the second year in a row 'The Gathering' will be an online event open to supporters across the length and breadth of Scotland.

Guest speakers this year include two members of Christian Aid's South Sudan team: Yitna Tekaligne and Mbaraka Fazal.

South Sudan is a country hit hard by climate change, conflict and Covid-19. Extreme flooding has resulted in crops and livestock being destroyed.

Seven million people do not have enough to eat.

The Gathering will look ahead to Christian Aid Week 2022 (15-21 May) which focuses on our partners' work in Zimbabwe. You'll hear plenty of inspiring fundraising ideas and have a chance to ask questions. We'll also bring you an update on the work we're doing in Afghanistan.

To register to take part in The Gathering please email:

**[edinburgh@christian-aid.org](mailto:edinburgh@christian-aid.org)**.

#### **4) NEWSLETTER**

Contributions for the April newsletter should be with Esther Green by Sunday, 20 March. [esther.g@btinternet.com](mailto:esther.g@btinternet.com) or telephone on 880456.

#### **5) DATE FOR THE DIARY**

The Welcome Committee will be holding a Family Beetle Drive on Friday, April 8 and would welcome donations for the £1 Stall (chocolates or any item valued over £1 for children or adults) and the Raffles. More details nearer the time.

#### **6) REHIS Introduction to Food Hygiene level 1 by e-Learning**

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>

7) Flowers for February donated by:

6/2/22 – Agnes Paterson

13/2/22 – Rachael Davidson

20/2/22 – Smith family

27/2/22 – Fiona Simpson

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 Fresh Start**

MFS aims to assist the resettlement of homeless 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 needed.

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)

### **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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