

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

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TODAY, SUNDAY, 20 March

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Grange

7 pm – Youth Group (next Youth Group meeting will be 8 May)

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 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.

(b) SUNDAY, 27 March (Mothering Sunday)

10.15 am – St Rufus (Service led by Michael Newlands, the Youth Group and Sunday Club)

Duty elders – Wilma Robertson, Kevin Strathdee and Kathleen Roy

11.45 am – Botriphnie

(c) The Fly & Friendship Club will meet on Thursday, 31 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.

(d) SUNDAY, 3 April

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club on holiday)

Duty elders – Neil and Lorna Howie and Frances Davies

11.45 am – Grange

(e) The Guild will meet on Tuesday, 5 April for their AGM. Please remember to bring a cup and to wear a mask.

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



2) NEWSLETTER

Contributions for the April newsletter should be with Esther Green by today Sunday, 20 March. esther.g@btinternet.com or telephone on 880456.

3) The amount of £824.40 was raised for the Ukraine Appeal and this money has been forwarded to the charity via the Church of Scotland. Thank you for your generosity.

4) The Guild Coffee Morning has raised the wonderful amount of £910.70. Thank you to everyone who helped and supported this event.

5) Can all committees send their reports to Nicola by Thursday, 31 March please? This will allow time for them to be collated ready for sending out by email from Sunday, 10 April. If any member of the congregation would like a copy of the bundle of reports please provide Nicola with you email address, this will cut down on paper used. If you do not have email there will be hard copies available from the same date.

6) DATE FOR THE DIARY

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

7) Holy Week Services 11-15 April are as follows.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at St Thomas's at 7 pm

Thursday and Friday at the North Church at 7 pm

8) EASTER SUNDAY AND STATED ANNUAL MEETING

There will be a united service on Easter Sunday, 17 April at 10.15 am in St Rufus Church, immediately followed at 11 am with the Stated Annual Meeting which in turn will be followed by teas.

9) 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>

10) Flowers for March and April kindly donated by:

6/3/22 – Gladys Green

13/3/22 – Elsie Kennedy

20/3/22 – Elizabeth Murray

27/3/22 – Isobel Shanks

3/4/22 – Ann Hutton

10/4/22 – Mary Gray

17/4/22 – Rosie Watt

24/4/22 – Communion

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.

11) 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.

12) 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 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

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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