

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

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**TODAY, SUNDAY, 3 April**

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club on holiday)

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.

**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 first meeting of the Faithful Witness Course will be on Monday, 4 April at 7 pm in St Rufus Hall.

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

**(c)** The Fly & Friendship Club will meet on Thursday, 7 April 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)** The Welcome Committee will be holding a Family Beetle Drive in St Rufus Hall on Friday, 8 April starting at 7 pm. £1 entry to include teas and homebakes.

Please bring your own cup. £1 stall and raffles. The hall will be open in the afternoon from 2 pm for setting up and for dropping off donations. All welcome to come along and enjoy this fun event for all the family.

**(e) SUNDAY, 10 April**

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club on holiday)

Volunteers please to stay after the service to help decorate the church for Easter

Duty elders – Susan Hutcheon, Ann Hutton and Sheena Edwards

11.45 am – Botriphnie

**ANNOUNCEMENTS...**

1) The newsletters and communion cards are now available for uplifting and distributing by elders.

2) The Easter story comes to life in Hamilton this Good Friday!

“I Am With You Always” is a new play, which journeys through Holy Week with Jesus and the disciples. It will be performed on the streets of Hamilton by Drama Kirk, bringing together members of local churches and professional actors in an expression of faith.

The opportunity to see the events of the final week of Jesus’ life portrayed through drama is an experience not to be missed – one which can shed new light on familiar stories, deepening our understanding and emotional engagement.

The play will take place on Friday 15th April at 2pm in Castle Street, Hamilton, lasting one hour.

Be part of the story, welcoming Jesus to Jerusalem!

There is a short trailer available on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JqeoNkiaEVo>

**3) 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

**4) 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. All welcome.

**5) 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>

**6) 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.

**7) 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.**

**8) 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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