

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

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**TODAY, 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

11.45 am – Botriphnie

**COVID INFORMATION**

It is no longer a legal requirement to wear face coverings in church. It is now down to individual choice as to whether to wear a mask or not.

**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) 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

**(b) The Fly & Friendship Club are on holiday until 28 April.**

**(c) 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. If any member of the congregation would like a copy of the bundle of reports in advance please provide Nicola with your email address.

If you are able, please bring flowers to the church to add to the cheer of Easter!

**(d) SUNDAY, 24 April**

10.15 am – Communion at St Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Communion at Botriphnie

**(e)** The Kirk Session will meet on Wednesday, 27 April at 7 pm in St Rufus Hall.

**(f)** The Fly & Friendship Club will meet on Thursday, 28 April at 2 pm in the Scout Hall for Bingo. Face coverings should still be worn except during tea time (price £1.50). Tea will now be served in the small hall, going in one door and out the other as it used to be. Please remember to bring a cup.

**(g) SUNDAY, 1 May**

10.15 am – St Rufus

11.45 am – Communion at Grange

**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)** The Guild will be doing a sponsored walk on Saturday, 7 May starting from St Rufus Hall at 3 pm. There will also be a sponsored silence in the Church Hall from 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm for those who would prefer.

Guild members will then meet at the Grampian Hotel for a meal at 5 pm. If anyone hasn’t chosen their meal please contact Norma Gray or Joan MacBeath.

All monies raised will be for Projects sponsored by the Church of Scotland Guild. These are:

The Vine Trust – the Kazunzu Village of Hope in Tanzania

Beat – ‘Blether with Beat’, Scotland

Home for Good, Scotland

Pioneers – Chocolate heaven, South East Asia

UNIDA – 'Hear our voice!', Brazil

Starchild, Uganda

If anyone would like to sponsor a Guild member or donate to support the projects it would be very much appreciated.

4) The Christian Aid Coffee Morning will be on Saturday, 14 May. Donations welcome.

5) Thank you to everyone who supported the Beetle Drive on Friday. It was a great evening and fun was had by all. Thanks go to the Welcome Committee for organising it.

**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 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.

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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