

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

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TODAY, SUNDAY, 1 May

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Communion at Grange

Retiring collection at Grange to go towards the new audio visual system

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) The Fly & Friendship Club will meet on Thursday, 5 May at 2 pm in the Scout Hall. It is no longer a legal requirement to wear face coverings; it is now down to individual choice as to whether to wear a mask or not.

Tea will now be served in the small hall, going in one door and out the other as it used to be (price £1.50). Please remember to bring a cup.

(b) 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.

(c) SUNDAY, 8 May

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

Duty elders – Que Henderson, Fiona Simpson and Sandra Gerrie

11.45 am – Botriphnie

7 pm – Youth Group

(d) The Fly & Friendship Club will meet on Thursday, 12 May at 2 pm in the Scout Hall. It is no longer a legal requirement to wear face coverings; it is now down to individual choice as to whether to wear a mask or not.

Tea will now be served in the small hall, going in one door and out the other as it used to be (price £1.50). Please remember to bring a cup.

(e) The Christian Aid coffee morning is on Saturday, 12 May 10am -12noon in St Rufus Hall. Teas/coffees. Butteries/rowies/pancakes. Adults £2.50 Children £1. Raffles/Bottle Stall/Good as New. The hall will be open on the Friday from 6.30 pm for setting up and dropping off donations. All donations gratefully received.

(f) SUNDAY, 15 May

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

Duty elders – Lorna Allison, Mary Gray and Pat Winton

11.45 am – Grange

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

1) The amount of £54.38 was donated at the teas following the Easter service. This has gone to Church funds. Thanks to everyone who stayed for teas and who kindly donated. Also, thank you to the bakers and servers.

2) The Sunday Tea Ladies are putting out an appeal for bakers/servers/washer uppers. Any help would be very much appreciated either on an occasional basis or to be part of the team. Please contact Ann Hutton for more information. Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered.

3) HOUSEHOLD HARDSHIP FUND

St Rufus, Bottriphnie and Grange church has secured a grant through the Household Hardship Fund.

The grant is to be used for individuals or families within our congregation who would appreciate a wee help due to increasing costs at the moment.

The aim of the fund is to help with food, clothing, bills etc.

It is likely that we will issue Tesco gift cards (value will depend on number of applicants) but other options may be available.

All applications will be treated with confidentiality, although some acknowledgement will be required as proof of distribution. Closing date for applications is 31 May.

If you'd like to apply, please contact Nicola Smith.

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4) Queen's Platinum Jubilee

To celebrate this occasion, you are invited to 'Bring a Picnic to a Picnic' on Saturday, 4 June starting at 2 pm in St Rufus Park and the gardens of the Episcopal Church. All welcome to come along and have fun.

5) A working group is being set up to future proof St Rufus church. The aim is to have a well-designed space in the right place. If you would like to play a part in the discussions around this, please contact Wiekus.

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 May and June kindly donated by:

1/5/22 – Margaret Rutherford

8/5/22 – Loveina Clarke

15/5/22 – Mary Sinclair

22/5/22 – Sheila Donald

29/5/22 – Mrs Whyte

5/6/22 – June Miller

12/6/22 – Barbara Robertson

19/6/22 – Pat Mair

26/6/22 – Phyllis Bowman

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

Keith Pantry

The aim of Keith Pantry is to help the weekly budget stretch a bit further. It also, has a green side; working with various organisations and local suppliers to keep quality surplus food in the food chain, it is helping communities work together towards a zero waste society. It is open to everyone and will stock all sorts of groceries and household products. The stock will depend on the surplus foods available on the day and customers will be able to choose 8-10 items at a cost of £2.50. The Pantry launches on Tuesday, 3 May in the Loft Youth Project in Keith 12-6 pm and will be available thereafter on the same day and time.

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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