

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

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**TODAY, SUNDAY, 8 May**

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

11.45 am – Botriphnie

2 – 5 pm – Youth Group Open Day (Film Fest)

**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, 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.

(b) The Christian Aid coffee morning is on Saturday, 14 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.

**(c) SUNDAY, 15 May**

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

Duty elders – Lorna Allison, Mary Gray and Pat Winton

11.45 am – Grange

**(d)** The Fly & Friendship Club will meet on Thursday, 19 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) SUNDAY, 22 May**

10.15 am – St Rufus (Sunday Club)

Duty elders – Doreen Strathdee, Norma Gray and Adam Murray

11.45 am – Botriphnie

**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 sum of £187.99 was donated at the retiring collections after the Communion Services. This will go towards the cost of the audio-visual system. Thanks to everyone who donated.

**3)** 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.

**4)** The Picnic and Parties Committee is hoping to have the annual picnic to Hopeman on Saturday 25 June. The cost of running a bus is very expensive so it has been decided that people should take their own cars and meet up in Hopeman for 12 o'clock for lunchtime. Cost of ticket £5 for adults, under 12s £3 and under 3s free. Sunday Club members are also free. Please let Margaret or Beth know if you are interested. Margaret will be at Sunday Club on 19 June to take names. It will only go ahead if there is enough interest.

**5) HOUSEHOLD HARDSHIP FUND**

St Rufus, Botriphnie 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.  
07507234423    [Strufuschurch@gmail.com](mailto:Strufuschurch@gmail.com)

### **6) 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.

### **7) Future Proof Team**

A working group is being set up to future proof St Rufus church. The aim is to bring the St Rufus church building more into accordance with the Church of Scotland's "well-equipped spaces in the right places". If you would like to play a part in the discussions around the alterations to the building, please contact Wiekus.

### **8) 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>

### **9) 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.

**10) 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.**

11) 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)**

### **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 launched 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](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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