

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

Minister: Rev Wiekus van Straaten

01542 882799 07341370133 wvanstraaten@churchofscotland.org.uk

Session Clerk: Nicola Smith

01542 488673 07507234423 strufuschurch@gmail.com

TODAY, SUNDAY, 4 September

10.15 am – St Rufus

11.45 am – Grange

Choose your church hymns

Anonymously choose the hymn you would like to sing the following Sunday by scanning the QR Code with your internet connected smart phone! 1. Open your camera app. 2. Scan the code. 3. Tap the on-screen weblink. 4. Enter the hymn title. 5. Press submit. If you are unable to do it, please ask someone to assist you or to do it for you. Unfortunately, only a small number of hymns can be sung on a Sunday – please understand if your hymn is not included on the order of service. But do try again, maybe it will be included next time!



FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:-

(a) The Guild's first meeting of the session is on Tuesday, 6 September at 2 pm in the hall when there will be a talk about the work of the School Pastors. New members are always welcome, both men and women. Please remember to bring a cup. The new theme is "Wee seeds, big trees". The 6 projects supported by the Guild remain the same for this session –

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

(b) The Fly & Friendship Club will meet on Thursday, 8 September at 2 pm in the Scout Hall, Fife-Keith. The topic – Andy's Bees! Teas £1.50. Please bring your own cup.

(c) SUNDAY, 11 September

10.15 am – St Rufus

Duty elders – Neil and Lorna Howie and Frances Davies

11.45 am – Botriphnie

(d) The Fly & Friendship Club will meet on Thursday, 15 September at 2 pm in the Scout Hall, Fife-Keith for an afternoon of Bingo! Teas £1.50. Please bring your own cup.

(e) SUNDAY, 18 September (Guild Dedication Service)

10.15 am – St Rufus

Duty elders – Susan Hutcheon, Ann Hutton and Sheena Edwards

11.45 am – Grange

(f) The Fly & Friendship Club will meet on Thursday, 22 September at 2 pm in the Scout Hall, Fife-Keith for an afternoon with John McPherson & Friends. Teas £1.50. Please bring your own cup.

(g) SUNDAY, 25 September

10.15 am – St Rufus

Duty elders – Barbara Robertson, Phyllis Bowman and Nicola Smith

11.45 am – Botriphnie

(h) The Kirk Session will meet on Wednesday, 28 September at 7 pm in the hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

1) Citing Congregations to Appear

Notice is hereby given that in connection with the draft version of the Presbytery Mission Plan for the Presbytery of Moray, the Presbytery will meet to approve a draft version of the Mission Plan at Buckie North Church on Tuesday the sixth day of September at 7 o'clock. All congregations in Moray Presbytery are cited to attend for their interest.

2) NHS Grampian Annual Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance.

This annual service, organised by the Healthcare Chaplaincy Team will take place on Sunday 11th September 2022 at Queen's Cross Church, Albyn Place, Aberdeen, AB10 1YN at 3pm.

This in person service is to remember all our loved ones who have died, of any cause, in any of the Grampian hospitals or units in this past year.

All are welcome.

3) It is now that time of year when we make an appeal for donations for the **CHRISTMAS HAMPERS**. This raffle takes in a lot of money, so your donations are greatly appreciated. Items can be left at the door of the church or dropped off at the Kirk Shop in Mid Street. Donations can also be handed to

Sandra Gerrie or Joan MacBeath. Please ensure that the use by date is at least mid November. Thank you. The raffle tickets will be available soon. Also, if anyone has any strong cardboard boxes suitable for the hampers we would be very grateful.

4) NEWSLETTER

Contributions for the October newsletter should be with Esther Green by Sunday, 25 September. esther.g@btinternet.com or telephone on 880456.

5) The Fly & Friendship Club has compiled a Christmas themed competition. Sheets are available at the door at a cost of 50p.

6) Guild Annual Gathering

The Church of Scotland Guild will hold their Annual Gathering at Assembly Hall in Edinburgh on Saturday 10 September, starting at 11am. The event will be livestreamed on the Church of Scotland website for those who cannot attend in person.

7) 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>

8) Appeal for helpers to arrange the flowers for the services. No great skilled required. If you feel able to help, even on an occasional basis, please contact Norma on 882019.

9) Flowers for September and October kindly donated by:

4/9/22 – June Cairns

11/9/22 – Charlie Cameron

18/9/22 – Norma Gray

25/9/22 – Wilma Robertson

2/10/22 – Malcolm Morrison

9/10/22 – Willie Dingwall

16/10/22 – Lorna Howie

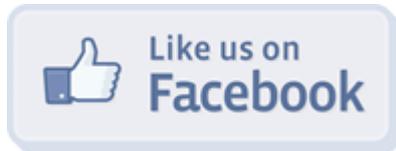
23/10/22 – Joan and Steve MacBeath

30/10/22 – 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.

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

Tuesday Table Lunch

Every Tuesday 11.30 am – 1.30 pm in the North Church Hall. All welcome. No charge but donations always welcome.

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

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.

Intimation sheets are edited by

Joan MacBeath,

13 Broomhill Court, Keith.

01542 882185/07884135841

joanmacbeath@gmail.com