

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

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TODAY, SUNDAY, 18 September

10.15 am – St Rufus (Guild Dedication)

11.45 am – Grange

A **Book of Condolence** for the people of Keith is available in **St Rufus Church** for the public to write in their condolences to the late Her Majesty the Queen. It will be in St Rufus Church daily 8am–8pm until the day of Her Majesty's state funeral.

Anyone wishing to leave floral tributes to Her Majesty are invited to do so only at designated floral tribute gardens which in the case of Keith is at St Rufus Church.

Please note floral tributes will be tidied to keep them respectful throughout the national period of mourning. This may result in the removal of tributes where necessary. All floral tributes will be gathered and composted for use as fertiliser for a potential future tree planting memorial to Her Majesty. Please avoid leaving anything other than flowers. All wrapping and packaging from floral tributes should be removed before being placed to ensure tributes can be recycled.

Any cards left with floral tributes will be sent to Buckingham Palace in due course.

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) SUNDAY, 25 September

10.15 am – St Rufus

Duty elders – Barbara Robertson, Phyllis Bowman and Nicola Smith

11.45 am – Botriphnie

(b) There will be a meeting on Monday, 26 September at 7 pm in St Rufus Hall to discuss arrangements for the **Christmas Fayre**. Please go along if you can help in any way. New helpers always welcome.

(c) The Kirk Session will meet on Wednesday, 28 September at 7 pm in St Rufus Hall.

(d) The Fly & Friendship Club will meet on Thursday, 29 September at 2 pm in the Scout Hall, Fife-Keith for a talk by Ewen Mearns. Teas £1.50. Please bring your own cup.

(e) SUNDAY, 2 October

10.15 am – St Rufus

Duty elders – Eric McWilliam, Steve Shorten and Philip Davidson

11.45 am – Grange

(f) The Guild will meet on Tuesday, 4 October at 2 pm when Rev Dr Amy Bender will be the guest speaker. Remember to bring a cup.

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

1) 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.

2) NEWSLETTER

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

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

4) 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>

5) 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.

6) 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.

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

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 is open on Tuesdays in the Loft Youth Project in Keith 12-4 pm.

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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