

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

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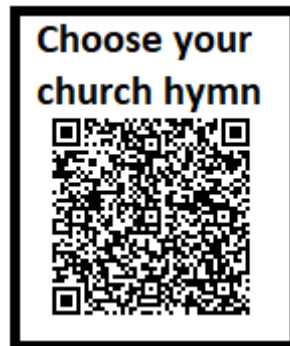
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TODAY, SUNDAY, 2 October – Harvest Thanksgiving

10.15 am – United Service at St Rufus (No service at Grange)

Retiring collection for Christian Aid

Please stay behind and enjoy fellowship, teas and homebakes (Donations to Christian Aid)



FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:-

(a) 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.

(b) The Fly & Friendship Club will meet on Thursday, 6 October at 2 pm in the Scout Hall, Fife-Keith for a Harvest Beetle Drive. Teas £1.50. Please bring your own cup.

(c) SUNDAY, 9 October

10.15 am – St Rufus

Duty elders – Ian Barbour, Isabel Russell and Esther Green

11.45 am – Botriphnie

(d) The Fly & Friendship Club will meet on Thursday, 13 October at 2 pm in the Scout Hall, Fife-Keith for Play Your Cards Right. Teas £1.50. Please bring your own cup.

(e) The Macmillan Coffee Morning is in the Scout Hall on Friday, 14 October 10 am to 12 noon.

(f) SUNDAY, 16 October

10.15 am – Joint Service at St Rufus with the congregations of the North Churches (No service at Grange)

Duty elders – Que Henderson, Fiona Simpson and Sandra Gerrie

This service will introduce the work of Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)

(g) Hamper packing will take place on Wednesday, 19 October at 2 pm. If you are able to help please turn up to St Rufus Church.

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. Also, if anyone has any **strong cardboard boxes** suitable for the hampers we would be very grateful. Thank you.

2) Raffle tickets for the hampers are now available from elders or from the Kirk Shop. Also available at the door today.

3) CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The Christmas Fayre will be on Saturday, 29 October in the Longmore Community Hall from 10 am. The coffee morning will run 10-12.30 and the Fayre will finish around 2 pm. Cost of the coffee morning will be Adults £2.50 and Under 12s £2. There will be no Soup and Sweet. Stalls will include Raffles, Hamper Raffles, Bottle Stall, Crafts, Toys, Good as New, Bric a Brac, Books, Produce, Cake and Candy, Sweeties, Lucky Squares and £1 bags. Santa will also be in attendance. Some lucky squares will be available online to buy. Donations for all would be very welcome. If donating homebakes a list of ingredients **must** be attached to each individual item. **Donations for the £1 bags** should be handed in at Kirk or to Barbara at Clark's Pharmacy. We are also looking for **donations of milk and biscuits**. Please contact Mary Stewart or Joan MacBeath if you can help. If you are able to help on the day please let Margaret Henderson, Beth Inglis, Mary Stewart or Joan MacBeath know. **We can always use more helpers!**

A limited number of tables for people to sell their own crafts, etc are available on a first come basis. Cost £10. Please contact Margaret Henderson (01542887104) if you wish to book a table.

The Longmore Hall will be open for setting up and dropping off donations on Friday, 28 October 10 am – 12 noon and 7-8 pm.

The Christmas Fayre is always a great and fun event and hopefully we will get a good turnout this year as well.

4) The elders' bundles are now ready for uplifting.

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

6) THOMAS AND MARGARET DICK TRUST FUND

Are you over 60? A member of St Rufus, Botriphnie & Grange or Keith North, Newmill, Boharm & Rothiemay? In need of a wee help over the winter months with some costs? If you have answered yes to all three, then why not apply for a voucher from the above trust. Vouchers will be issued in November and can be redeemed in Websters butcher, Thomson butcher, McPhersons or the Deli shop. The value of the vouchers depends on the interest received from investments and also the number of recipients. Application forms are available from, and returned to, the Kirk Shop, Mid Street. Recipients of vouchers last year do not need to apply again, you're on the list.

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 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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