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New Additions to Bruton Parish Staff

By The Rev'd Chris Epperson

It is my pleasure to announce two new additions to the staff at Bruton Parish Church over the coming months. Please join me in welcoming them to the Bruton family.

The Rev'd Lauren McDonald Associate Rector Outreach & Women's Ministries

Born and raised in Georgia, the Rev'd Lauren McDonald received her B.A. in Theatre from the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. While working as a Stage Manager for Virginia Stage Company in



Norfolk, in the year 2000, Lauren went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land with her parish, Christ and St. Luke's. The trip led her to begin discerning a call to the priesthood, and she went on to receive her M. Div. degree from Seabury Western Theological Seminary in 2008.

After spending three years as the Associate Rector at Hickory Neck Church in Toano, Lauren began working as the Director of Spiritual and Community Programming at SpiritWorks Foundation, a community recovery organization here in Williamsburg. For the past three years she has also served as the part-time Episcopal Chaplain to Christopher Newport University, spending Sundays at St. Stephen's in Newport News. In her position as the Associate Rector for Outreach and Women's Ministries, Lauren will be splitting her time between Bruton and SpiritWorks. She looks forward to continuing her work in recovery ministries and starting her new ministry at Bruton in May.

Josh Stephens, Associate Rector Family Ministries

Josh Stephens grew up in Jacksonville Beach, FL. He graduated from Milligan College (Johnson City, TN) in 2008 with a B.A. in Bible/Christian Ministry and a minor in Church History. At Milligan, Josh met Rosanna Couture and they were married in May of 2009. They moved to Norfolk shortly thereafter for Rosanna to study at Eastern Virginia Medical School. From 2010-2013, Josh served St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Norfolk as the Director of Children's and Youth Ministry. In 2013, Josh and Rosanna moved to Sewanee, TN where Josh will soon complete his Masters of Divinity at The School of Theology at The University of the South.

"I am thrilled to begin ordained ministry at Bruton Parish, a place where God's people have been faithfully gathering to share life together in worship and service since Virginia's earliest days," said Josh. "I am humbled to begin serving as the Associate Rector for Family Ministry in August. My wife, Rosanna, and I are so excited to move to Williamsburg, and I am grateful to begin sharing in the good work God is doing at Bruton."



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Wednesday, April 27 @ 6:30pm

Women's Cursillo Weekend
April 28 - May 1

11-Day Pilgrimage/Tour
to Scotland & Northern England
June 17 - 27

* Child care may be available for babies through elementary-aged children by reservation only.
Contact Meghan Brewer directly at either
757-345-6489 or email childcare@brutonparish.org.

Worship Schedule

Sunday, April 3
Holy Eucharist @ 7:30, 11:15am & 5:30pm
Baptism & Holy Eucharist @ 9:15am
Children's Church @ 9:15am *

Sunday, April 10
Holy Eucharist @ 7:30, 9:15 & 11:15am
Children's Church @ 9:15am *
Choral Evensong @ 5:30pm

Sunday, April 17
Holy Eucharist @ 7:30, 11:15am & 5:30pm
Holy Eucharist with Confirmation @ 9:15am
Children's Church @ 9:15am *

Sunday, April 24
Holy Eucharist @ 7:30, 9:15, 11:15am & 5:30pm
Children's Church @ 9:15am *

Noonday Prayer @ Church
Monday - Saturday

Holy Eucharist - St. Mary's Chapel
Tuesdays @ 7:30 am

Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers
Wednesdays @ 11 am (Church)

Canterbury Evening Prayer
Tuesdays @ 5:30 pm in Wren Chapel
when college is in session

* Held in St. Mary's Chapel
in the Parish House.

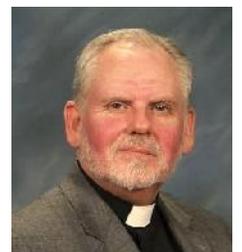
Newcomers' Corner

On the first Sunday of each month, new members of Bruton Parish are invited to join clergy, vestry and Newcomers Committee members for coffee in the Custis House at 10:30 am. This is a great opportunity to become more acquainted with the parish and learn of the many ministries here at Bruton. Join us Sunday, April 3.

Farewell Reception for Rev'd Charles Robinson

As you probably know by now, Charles Robinson will be joining the staff of the Diocese of Southern Virginia as the Canon for Transition. Charles will be missed by Bruton Parish.

Join us in Lewis Hall of the Parish House following the 11:15am service on Sunday, April 3, when we will have a celebration of his ministry here at Bruton Parish. If you desire to contribute to an honorarium for Charles, you may send a check to Bruton with Robinson Gift in the memo line.



4th Annual Friends Day at Bruton on Saturday, April 23

Plan now to be with Members and Friends of Bruton Parish Church for a full day of exciting and informative programs during our 4th Annual Friends Day at Bruton on April 23rd.

The day's events will begin with a presentation at the church on the historic relationship between Bruton and the College of William & Mary by W. Taylor Reveley III, President of W&M.



Our luncheon at the Parish Hall at noon will feature a talk by the Rev. Dr. Stuart Hoke. The Memphis-born Hoke received his BA from Southern Methodist University, his Master's of Divinity from Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, MA, and a Master of Sacred Theology from NY's General Theological Seminary where, in the spring of 2000, he was also awarded a Doctor of Theology. Beyond his heroic actions while in service at Trinity Wall Street on the morning of September 11, 2001 when the World Trade Towers were struck, Rev. Hoke has distinguished himself as a leader in addressing the church's role in the treatment of alcoholism and other addictive illnesses. When serving as an Adjunct Professor at General Theological Seminary in New York, he was often called on to participate in seminars and retreats dealing with the subject of addiction. You will not want to miss The Rev. Dr. Hoke's inspiring message of hope and healing.



A private tour of Bassett Hall, the Williamsburg home of Mr. & Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., will be led by Colonial Williamsburg guides at 1:45pm. Take the opportunity to learn



how the benefactors of Williamsburg and Bruton Parish Church lived during their frequent visits to Williamsburg - one of the places where Mr. Rockefeller most enjoyed spending time after his retirement.

The Friends Day program of events will conclude with an evening performance of the annual John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Concert. Special reserved seating will be available for Friends of Bruton who make prior reservations.

All Friends Day events require advance reservations. To make your reservations please print out the enclosed reservation form, fill it out and mail it to Hilary Cooley at Bruton Parish Church, P.O. Box 3520, Williamsburg, VA 23187-3520 (or call Hilary at 757-345-2252 to learn of alternative methods of reserving).

Friends Day will extend to Friends Weekend when a special hymn commissioned by Friends of Bruton will be introduced at the morning services on Sunday, April 24. The Coffee Hour between the 9:15 and 11:15 services again will be sponsored by the Friends of Bruton Committee.



Friends of Bruton

Friends Day @ Bruton April 23, 2016

Bruton Parish Church & Parish House
Williamsburg, Virginia

[Reservation Form](#)
(please complete and return by April 15, 2016)

YES, I/We plan to attend Friends Day at Bruton on Saturday, April 23, 2016. Name(s) of those attending:

YES, please reserve ____ (number of persons) for the 9am presentation at the church by W. Taylor Reveley, III, President of the College of William & Mary, who will discuss the historic relationship between the college and Bruton.

YES, please reserve _____ seats for the Friends Day Luncheon at the Parish House. The charge for the noon luncheon and 4th Annual Friends of Bruton meeting is \$15/person (\$25 per couple). The charge for Charter Members is \$10 per person.

Please make check payable to Bruton Parish Church (note Friends of Bruton Day in the memo) and mail it to the attention of Hilary Cooley c/o Bruton Parish Church, P. O. Box 3520, Williamsburg, VA 23187-3520. Seating is limited, so you are urged to make your luncheon reservation at your earliest convenience!

YES, please reserve ____ (number of persons) for the special private tour at 1:45pm of Bassett Hall, the Williamsburg home of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

YES, I am attending Friends Day, so please reserve ____ seats for the Annual John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Concert at 8pm at the church.

For our out-of-town Friends: Hotel reservations may be made by calling 1-800-447-8679. Mention that you are booking your reservation as a Friend of Bruton to receive a discount for your stay.

RSVP today for the 4th Annual Friends Day @ Bruton on April 23, 2016

Organ Commissioning

By Marty Easton

Exciting news: We have entered into agreement with the organ builder for our new instrument. You will remember that Dobson Pipe Organ Builders submitted a design some seven years ago, after independent assessment determined that replacement was the best solution for our organ's increasing failures and costly maintenance. Thanks to the Bruton Parish Endowment Fund's lead gift and other gifts committed, we are now able to proceed with the project.

On March 7, both parties announced the commission of the new organ — Dobson on its website www.dobsonorgan.com and Bruton Parish on www.brutonparish.org. Composed by John Panning, Dobson Pipe Organ Builders' Vice-President and Tonal Director, the full text of the announcement is to the right. John added in a message, "We're honored by Bruton's confidence in us, and are looking forward to this wonderful opportunity."

The company was founded in 1974; Bruton Parish is its 96th commission. All work is done in its shop in Lake City, Iowa by a team of artisans. Some of them bring knowledge and skill from various disciplines that go into the process; others are experienced organ builders and musicians who have come from other shops. They each contribute to the exacting process of organ building, ending with voicing in the church space. Therefore no two organs are alike. The quality instrument we receive will have a cost of \$1,880,000 installed. The amount committed to date through the Campaign for the Fourth Century is \$1,648,000. Those of us working on the Campaign are pleased with this accomplishment and ready to take on the challenge of reaching the total needed.



God willing
The Right Rev. Herman Hollerith, IV
Bishop of Southern Virginia
will ordain

Jan Michelle Brown

to the Sacred Order of Deacons

Saturday, April 16 at 10:30 a.m.
Christ Church, Richmond - Diocese of Virginia

The Bishop and the Standing Committee
request the honor of your presence.

A Celebration Reception
will be held at Bruton Parish Church on
Sunday, May 1 at 10:30 a.m.
in the Custis House.

Joint Announcement

Dobson Pipe Organ Builders is delighted to announce the commissioning of its Op. 96, a new instrument for Bruton Parish Church in historic Williamsburg, Virginia. Founded in 1674, the parish worships in its 1715 church, which was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1970 and is one of the most recognizable structures of Colonial Williamsburg.

Bruton Parish Church has a lengthy organ history. The makers of the first organs, from 1756 and 1840, are unknown. At the dawn of the 20th century, the Hutchings-Votey Organ Company provided a new instrument, some pipes of which were retained in Op. 968 of the Aeolian-Skinner Organ Co. That instrument, rebuilt on six occasions since its construction in 1937 and growing from 13 ranks to 105, is crowded into the attic, the east gallery of the church, the case of a 1785 organ by Samuel Green that was added in 1939, and the church tower. Faced with increasing mechanical unreliability and advised by several consultants that a new, smaller organ more advantageously placed would yield both musical and maintenance benefits, the parish undertook a search for an organ builder. That process came to its conclusion in February 2016 with the signing of a contract between Bruton Parish Church and Dobson.

The new organ will stand in the east gallery, above the reredos, in the space currently occupied by the Green organ case. The design of the new organ case takes its cue from the historic reredos, which was restored in 1939. The case will be painted the same putty-gray color as the reredos. The tin façade pipes and the carved pipe shades will be gilded.

The tonal design of the new organ is framed around principal choruses in each division, and enriched by a variety of colorful flutes, strings, and reeds. The Great and Positive divisions, and some pipes of the Pedal, will stand in the visible case. The Swell and largest pipes of the Pedal will be located immediately above the case and speak through the ceiling grilles. Because of architectural constraints, the organ will have electric action.

Installation of the organ is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2019.

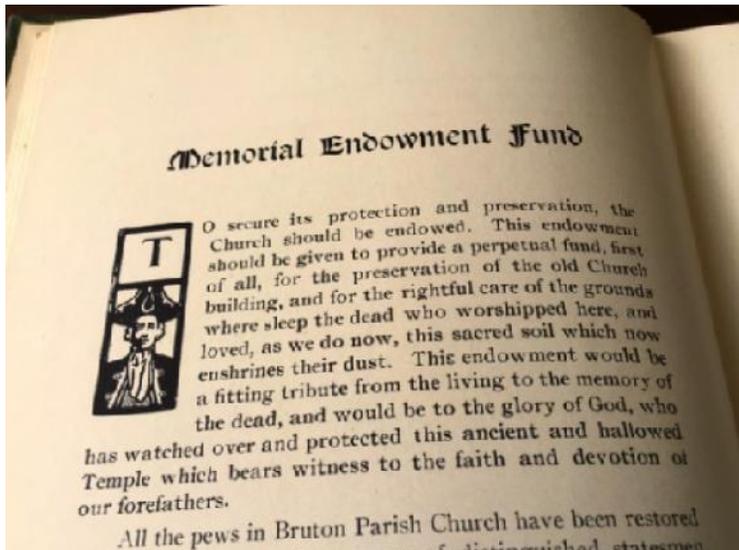
Understanding the Endowment

By Martie Easton, Vernon Geddy and Bill Kafes

During the Campaign for the Fourth Century, the Bruton Parish Church Endowment Fund has been mentioned many times, particularly in reference to its lead gift made last August. This article is about the Endowment's founding, growth, and mission.

"To secure its protection and preservation, the Church should be endowed."

Bruton Parish Restored, and its Historic Environment, 1907, Page 70



The Rev. W. A. R. Goodwin wrote the book titled above to commemorate the first restoration of the church building. That project took place from 1905-1907 "to preserve the church and return the interior to its ancient appearance". Goodwin describes the work in detail: the new roof, floor and pews; return of the old clock; the Tarpley bell ringing once again; and the chancel regaining its "place in the east".

With this major restoration complete, Goodwin proposes creation of "a perpetual fund". Appointed trustees would secure it in perpetuity, and ensure that the accrued interest would always be devoted to care of the building and its grounds. The chapter closes with a sentence asking anyone wishing information to speak with the Rector or Vestry, and so the Bruton Parish Church Endowment Fund was born and incorporated in 1908. In 1939, a major contribution was made by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., toward the care of the organ that he had given two years earlier in honor of Vernon M. Geddy, Sr.

"To that end, securities having an approximate value of \$500,000 will be forwarded to you forthwith."

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., January 18, 1957

Years later, Rockefeller made a second substantial contribution to the Endowment, sharing the news in the letter quoted above. Explaining his rationale, Rockefeller cites both the historical significance and the present life of the church. Its unique location and setting in the restored area create an "added burden" for a congregation of its size, he writes. For this reason, "permanent, supplemental provision for the ministry and the music of Bruton Parish should be made".

He adds his hope that future income from his gift will be a supplement, not a replacement, for money spent by Bruton Parish for ministry and music.

Today the parish is supported by the Endowment on an annual basis. Its primary mission is to provide support for costs arising from the parish's role as a National Historic Landmark (1970) in the middle of Colonial Williamsburg and the resulting heavy visitor traffic. A secondary goal is to supplement the church's ministry and music program.

The fund is held by an independent, non-profit corporation managed by eight self-perpetuating directors. They are members of the parish and appointed for an indefinite term. The directors are responsible for the careful investment of assets on the advice of an independent investment advisory firm registered with the Securities & Exchange Commission, with the goal of preserving the principal and allowing, when possible, an increase in income. The directors also ensure that grants are used for the intended, restricted purposes of the fund. In recent years, Endowment has extended support for numerous projects, including a new roof on the entire church building (2013) and associated painting, stone, brick, glass and trim work, and ongoing maintenance of the boiler, gates, sign, wall, steps, lighting and churchyard.

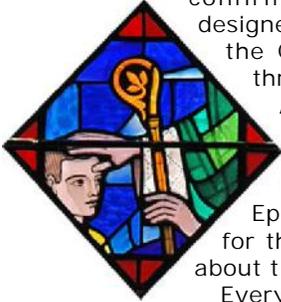
The directors approved an early and generous commitment to the Campaign, pledging usual and customary support over a two year period and an additional gift toward the new pipe organ. Sincere thanks go to those who established the Endowment long ago and those who shepherded it over the years to this day. It has done everything Goodwin intended, and enabled Bruton Parish to continue to flourish through change and chances of its life and times.

Read more about The Bruton Parish Church Endowment Fund, Inc. on our website at www.brutonparish.org/endowment.

Inquirer's Series

By The Rev'd Tyler Montgomery

This course continues on Sundays, April 3 & 10, in the Parish House Library (downstairs). There will be an additional meeting scheduled for those wishing to be confirmed or baptized. This course is designed for those seeking to understand the Christian faith and its expression through the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. This class is required for adults who desire to be baptized, or confirmed by the Bishop, or received into the Episcopal Church. It is also appropriate for those who would like to know more about the Episcopal Church.



Everyone in the parish family is invited to join us on this journey. Topics will include: Introduction & Overview, The History of Anglicanism and the Episcopal Church, The Book of Common Prayer, and the Sacraments.

If you have any questions about the series, please contact The Rev'd Tyler Montgomery by either calling 757-229-2891 or email tmontgomery@brutonparish.org.

Williamsburg Area Faith In Action Spring Open House

WFIA provides assistance with everyday tasks of life to the elderly, chronically ill and disabled adults living in Williamsburg, James City County and the Bruton District of York County (Greater Williamsburg Area). Services include, but are not limited to: transportation, respite care, friendly visiting, reassurance calls, grocery shopping, light housekeeping, and yard work.



**FAITH
IN ACTION**

You are invited to come to WFIA's Open House between 3-5pm on Wednesday, March 30, located in Suite 1 at 354 McLaws Circle. You will learn about their programs, as well as meet their beloved volunteers and staff who coordinate behind the scenes. Door prizes will be given every 30 minutes! Visit www.wfia.org to learn more about this effort!

"Helping Hands
in the Time of Need"

Bruton Builders

are getting ready to start several new projects for the Spring. If you'd like to join us, contact Rex Prosser (brutonbuilders@brutonparish.org or 281-461-7338).

Living the Gospel Bible Study

Join us on Sundays, April 10 & 24, for this Lectionary-based Bible study that is held at 11am every second and fourth Sunday in the Custis House. Come and examine the impact of the Gospel message on our everyday lives.

First Friday Recovery Eucharist

SpiritWorks Foundation, a non-profit in Williamsburg that works with people in recovery from addiction, hosts a monthly Recovery Eucharist at Bruton on the first Friday of each month. The next service will be held in the church at 5:30pm on Friday, April 1. This service offers readings and prayers that focus on recovery from addiction, mental illness, and trauma. This service of hope and healing for the Recovery Community is for those who seek wholeness in their lives. All are welcome!

Wednesday's Brown-Bag Bible Study

Bring your lunch each Wednesday to the Coffee, Tea & Thee room upstairs in the Parish House at noon. This Lectionary-based Bible study is centered upon the Gospel for the coming Sunday. The preacher for the week will facilitate these sessions where those in attendance will be able to reflect upon the scriptures that will be the focus of the Sunday sermon. The studies may provide increased insight into the sermon or explore aspects of the passages beyond the scope of the sermon, or both. Take time out of your day and try this exploration!

Traveling with Friends to Scotland & Northern England

By Jim Morford

A distinctive 11-day tour to Scotland and Northern England designed specifically for Friends of Bruton and limited to 25 participants has been announced for June 17 to 27, 2016. The tour begins in historic Edinburgh, Scotland. A highlight will be a pilgrimage, led by our Rector Chris Epperson, to Iona Abbey located on Scotland's west coast. St. Columba and his followers came here from Ireland in AD 563 and founded a monastery that became the heart of the early Scottish Church. One of the oldest and most important religious centers in Western Europe, the abbey was a focal point for the spread of Christianity throughout Scotland and the United Kingdom. Today it is the home of the Iona community, an ecumenical Christian religious order.

As Father Chris stated in his letter of invitation, "Looking at our itinerary, I hope you recognize the opportunity to tell significant stories of history and faith." To review the detailed itinerary and reservation form, visit <http://bit.ly/FriendsTour> (initial payment is requested by April 15). If you would like a printed copy, stop by the Custis House on Sunday, the Parish House during the week, or contact Hilary Cooley (hcooley@brutonparish.org or 757-345-2252).

Newcomers' Welcome Reception

By Bob Magnusson

Newcomers to the parish attended a Welcome Reception hosted by the Newcomer's Committee on Thursday, March 10, in Lewis Hall. Also attending were Fr. Epperson and members of the Vestry. The program included a tour of the Parish Hall, a visit to the Parish Shop, heavy hors d'oeuvres, refreshments, and an opportunity for Newcomers to meet and be welcomed by Clergy, Vestry and Committee members in an unstructured gathering.

- 1) Patti Magnusson, John Jeunnette, Carol Jeunnette
- 2) Angelia Douglas, Jim Vermillion, Bet Vermillion
- 3) Spence Webster, Bill Armbruster, Carl Hohl, Betty-Wright Armbruster
- 4) Jim Black, Carole Black, Faye Weirich, Steve Hibbitts
- 5) Martie Payne, Rudy Knepper, Sue Knepper, Alice Erickson
- 6) Barbara Prince, Carolyn Hohl, Russell Prince, Jane Filz



Cursillo Weekends at Chanco-on-the James

Cursillo is a movement within the Episcopal Church. It is an adult retreat designed to help us grow closer to Jesus Christ. It's also a community where we're encouraged to live joyfully and serve faithfully in grace. For more information on Cursillo or to apply to be a candidate or a team member, please visit the Cursillo website at www.cursillodsv.org or the appropriate contact person below.

Men's Weekend (April 14 - 17)

Rector: Joe Jerauld of Emmanuel, Virginia Beach, joe.jerauld@yahoo.com

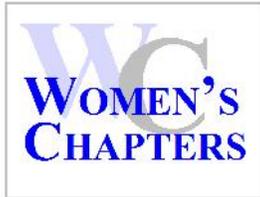
Women's Weekend (April 28 - May 1)

Rector: Susan Summerlin, susan.summerlin@gmail.com



Women's Theological Book Group & Potluck & Round Table

Are you interested in joining other women to discuss works of fiction and non-fiction through a theological lens? If so, please join us for the Women's Theological Book Group on Monday, April 4, to discuss *Kinder Than Solitude* by Yiyun Li (note that this is a different book from what was announced last month). Bring your lunch and join us from noon through 1:30pm at the Parish House. Child care is available by reservation only by contacting Meghan Brewer (childcare@brutonparish.org or 757-229-2891).



The Women's Potluck & Round Table will meet on Wednesday, April 27, at 6:30pm at Jo-Anne Hand's home. Please give her a call to RSVP and to get directions (757-345-6950 or womenseveninggroup@brutonparish.org).

DOK Intercessory Prayers

Part of our rule of life as The Order of the Daughters of the King® is consistent intercessory prayer. Prayers are said for four weeks and may be repeated. Anyone who wishes to have prayers said for them or for others should fill out a blue request card at the church tower and drop it in the DOK prayer box. The following Easter Prayer for Renewal by Rev. Dr. Herbert Brokering is offered this month by Sue Czaska:

The Order of the Daughters of the King
invites interested women of Bruton Parish Church to join us at our next meeting on Thursday, April 7 at 10am in the Parish House for Coffee, Tea, Fellowship and the DOK experience!



Lord, send me a surprise.
One that catches me off guard
and makes me wonder
Like Easter.

Send me a resurrection
when everything looks dead
and buried.
Send me light
when the night seems too long.

Send me spring
when the cold and frozen
season
seems endless.

Send me an idea
when my mind is empty.
Send me a thing to do
when I am just waiting around.

Send me a new friend
when I am alone.
Send me peace
when I'm afraid.

Send me a future
when it looks hopeless.
Send me Your resurrection
when I die, Jesus.

Stephen Ministry: We are Christ's Body on Earth

By Laurie Krebs

Christ has no body on earth but yours;
no hands but yours;
no feet but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which the
compassion of Christ
must look out on the world.

Yours are the feet with which He is to go
about doing good.

Yours are the hands with which He is to bless
His people.

-- St. Theresa of Avila

We can be Christ's eyes as we look for those persons in need who might benefit from Stephen Ministry. It might be a friend or relative, a neighbor or co-worker, or a friend of one of these people.

We can be Christ's hands
when we find that someone.

We can meet with them,
show them we care and
want to listen. Let them
know about Stephen
Ministry. Perhaps the
person will be open to
accepting care. Sometimes
he or she will be resistant.
We might wait awhile and
follow up a week or so later to
see if the person has given any
more thought to Stephen Ministry.
Perhaps now they are willing to accept a Stephen
Minister.



We can be Christ's feet by walking with the potential care receiver as he or she confidentially connects with a Stephen Leader. We can get their permission to pass along their name to the Stephen Leaders, Charlie Clapper and Mary Jean Hurst. One of them will contact the person to schedule a meeting. Or we can give the potential care receiver the contact information for the Stephen leaders so that they may make the contact themselves.

Stephen Ministry is a confidential, supervised, one on one caring ministry for those who need the loving support of a Christian friend. If you or someone you know would benefit from having a Stephen Minister, please contact one of our current leaders, Charlie Clapper at 564-6191 or Mary Jean Hurst at 810-5112.

FISH Food for April

The suggested food item for April is peanut butter and jelly, always a comfort food. Thank you in advance for any non-perishable food donations and to all for the continued support our Bruton family provides!

Colonial Treasures on Historic Garden Day

Bruton Parish's historic silver, Prayer Book, and Aitken Bible will be on display from 10am to 5pm in St. Mary's Chapel in the Parish House on Tuesday, April 26, as part of the 83rd Annual Williamsburg Homes and Gardens Tour, themed "Art and the Garden." Included will be the 17th century Communion Silver used in the



church at Jamestown and the 18th century set given to Governor Botetourt in 1768 by King George III for use in his private chapel. The Prayer Book was used at Bruton in the 18th century. The Aitken Bible, named after colonial printer Robert Aitken, was the first Bible printed in America. Volunteers will be on hand to greet visitors, and the adjacent Bruton Parish Shop will be

open until 5pm that day, where your purchases benefit mission and outreach.

Cedars B&B, at 616 Jamestown Road, is the Tour Headquarters. Homes and Gardens on Burns Lane will be open for touring along with a fine art and flowers show at the Muscarelle Museum of Art; a Virginia Glass Guild show/sale at the Swem Library; and lectures at the Swem on botanical art by Linda Miller, the 400 year history of glass in Virginia by the Chrysler Museum, and "green" architecture by Virginia Living Museum. The tour ticket also includes a guided walking tour of the gardens, architecture and important trees on the W&M campus and entry to the Art Museums at Colonial Williamsburg. As ticket holders walk to the homes and gardens, they will enjoy an "art of design" vintage car show.

End your tour day in Bruton Parish Church at 8pm with a Candlelight Concert featuring the Williamsburg Youth Harp Society, directed by Cynthia Campbell.

ECW Spring Fling & Ice Cream Social

By Jane Filz

Spring is here and the ECW is ready to celebrate. Please join us on Wednesday, April 20, for an evening of fellowship and a look back at our activities and accomplishments this year. Between 4:30 - 5:30 we will have the business meeting and election of new officers. The covered salad dinner and ice cream social will follow at 5:30. Spouse, partner, friends are invited, and please bring a salad to share!



Bruton Singles

By Heidi Elam, Eda Martin and Ruth Mullaney

Bruton Singles is a fellowship ministry tailored towards parishioners and members of the wider community who are single. We typically get together once each week to attend various events in the parish and the larger community. Each event is accompanied by a meal and/or dessert (paid separately) at which we enjoy fellowship and discussion. To participate in any event, please procure tickets to the function and call the listed coordinator.



Saturday, April 2, 7pm Canterbury Gala & Silent Auction

Meet us at the Parish House reception area at 6:45pm to carpool to the Christopher Wren Building on the campus of William & Mary and help our Canterburians raise funds for their pilgrimage to England and for various scholarships for primary school students in San Pedro, Belize. Admission includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, an organ concert in Wren Chapel, live entertainment, and tours of the Wren Building. Cash Bar provided. (Tickets \$50/person or \$80/couple; contact Hilary Cooley at 757-229-2891 to purchase ticket by March 28). Call Heidi Elam to join us (757-897-5012).



Fritz Eley
Clai Bachmann Eley
Betty Cutts
Kathy Harper
Neil Hanlon
Mariana Navarrete

Sunday, April 10, 2pm La Cenerentola (Cinderella)

Join us at 2pm at the Kimball Theatre for this live, fully-staged opera with world-class singers. La Cenerentola by Gioachino Rossini "is a delightful opera version of the Cinderella story. In this older Italian version, as an added complication, the prince pretends to be his own servant. The heroine prefers the servant to the prince, only to find out that in fact her love is the prince himself. Virtue triumphs, to the chagrin of the wickedly-funny stepsisters and stepfather." Conductor: Jorge Parodi. Stage Director: Isabel Milenski. For more information, please visit www.operainwilliamsburg.org (\$45/ticket; we recommend purchasing tickets early, as they may sell quickly). Call Eda Martin to RSVP (757-253-1477).

Wheston Grove
Leslie Eldredge
Heidi Elam
Eda Martin
Ruth Mullaney
Sharon Reed
Donna Dodenhoff

Thursday, April 14, 7pm Movie "Spotlight"

Join us at the Kimball Theatre Screening Room for this 2015 American biographical drama film directed by Tom McCarthy and written by McCarthy and Josh Singer. The film follows The Boston Globe's "Spotlight" team, the oldest continuously operating newspaper investigative journalist unit in the United States, and its investigation into cases of widespread and systemic child sex abuse in the Boston area by numerous Roman Catholic priests. It is based on a series of stories by the actual Spotlight Team that earned The Globe the 2003 Pulitzer Prize for Public Service. The film stars Mark Ruffalo, Michael Keaton, Rachel McAdams, John Slattery, Stanley Tucci, Brian d'Arcy James, Liev Schreiber, and Billy Crudup. Rated one of the finest films of 2015 (\$7.50/ticket). Please call Eda Martin (757-253-1477) to join the group.



Book about Bruton in England

By Sally Riley

Sometimes we find a treasure when we weren't even looking. This happened when a member of the Bruton Parish library committee came across a little book called Bruton in Selwood by Phyllis Couzens. My first reaction was, that there must be another Bruton in England, since our ancestral church is in Somerset. I learned that Selwood means great wood in Anglo-Saxon, and it is part of Somerset, just as James City County is part of Virginia.



When Christianity came to England in the 7th century, St. Aldhelm was very active in the area of Selwood and built little mission huts of wattle and daub which were the forerunners of the Saxon churches. He built one in Bruton, a trading center. It seems that there were two churches side by side. One was for the priory and one for the parish. In the 12th century one was torn down and rebuilt as an extension of the other. Couzens has provided eight sketches of floor plans showing how the church was built and re-built over the centuries. I was reminded of Dr. Carl R. Lounsbury's book Bruton Parish Church, An Architectural History, which many of us have read and enjoyed.

Thomas Ludwell, who lived in Bruton, came to Virginia in the 17th century, and the name Bruton was given to the parish church in Williamsburg in his honor. A photograph of our church is in the Selwood church in England.

Much of Couzens' book deals with the history of the town of Bruton. Those who read or write about the city of Williamsburg will appreciate the challenge of writing a history of an area that goes back to pre-Roman times.

Now the mystery -- who donated this interesting book (the book is placed in the history section of the library, number 942.3)? It is copyrighted 1972 and printed in England. Someone bought it there and brought it to Williamsburg. If you know who the donor is, please let us know so he or she can be recognized on the bookplate. We want to say thank you!

Your Bruton Parish Gift Shop Selections for Baptism, Confirmation/Reception & First Communion

By Leith Merrow Mullaly

We all so enjoy "one-stop" shopping and your parish Shop really meets that need. For those of us with family or friends who are joining the church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation or Reception, the Shop has a wide variety of gifts just perfect to give.

There are photo frames and ceramic crosses specific for Confirmation. For Roman Catholics there are lovely gift items for First Communion. These include photo frames, rosary kits and a special book entitled My First Communion with a dedication page. We have a plethora of gifts for infant Baptism: soft adorable lambs with an embroidered cross and "Jesus loves Me" music; traditional china boy or girl hanging baby crosses; a lovely hardcover book My Baptism Book with a dedication page for name, date, and godparents. There are also charming pink or blue My Baptism Albums with prayers, a family tree and photo pages.

For teens and adults being confirmed or received there is a great and diverse selection of books and pamphlets about the Episcopal Church. Titles include: A Dictionary of Episcopalians; A History of the Episcopal Church; Welcome to the Book of Common Prayer (BCP); Episcopal Questions and Answers and many more. There are also combined BCP/Hymnals and BCP/Bibles.

Lastly, we have beautiful sterling silver crosse -- some small for younger people and others appropriate for adults. These pieces of jewelry will serve as lifelong memories of that person's very special day. So come and have a very successful "one-stop" shopping experience for all these specific gifts.

Shop from the comfort of your couch, since we're online at www.brutonparishshop.com!



ECW Silent Luncheon Retreat

By Agnes Serena

On Thursday, February 18, approximately 50 women of Bruton gathered at noon for a friendly and inspirational Lenten meal and mini-retreat. After some time to greet one another, settle ourselves and hear a blessing from Rev'd Chris, we shared a simple but delicious meal of soup and bread. As this was our time of silence we had the opportunity to reflect within, preparing ourselves for our one hour retreat.

Within the short span of that hour, Rev'd Chris offered us guidance for praying aloud, for meditating upon Scripture, for meditating with the purpose of clearing one's mind and self to hear God and, for experiencing Scripture stories "in person." So many avenues for a more focused Lent and yet, so relaxed, fun and doable!

Thank you, Chris, for providing this encouraging experience of spiritual direction! And, thank you to the attendees for an engaged Lenten Luncheon and the many donations to Bruton's Children & Youth Ministries!

Children & Youth Formation

By Meghan Brewer

Nursery is available each Sunday from 8:30am to 12:30pm for newborns through 4-year-olds. The nursery is on the first floor of the Parish House.

Children's Church is age-appropriate worship held at 9:15 am in St. Mary's Chapel, tailored for child(ren) K-5th grade. Drop off your child(ren) at 9 am, then head to the church. Save your child a seat, as they'll join the congregation at the Peace. We will continue holding an age-appropriate service for 3-4 year olds in the room next to the nursery in the Parish House during this timeframe.



Our youth spending a Sunday bowling some strikes and enjoying food, fun and fellowship! As you can see, Ms. Meghan was outnumbered with all of those boys!

Sunday School is held at 10:30am in the Parish House for children through 5th grade and in the Custis House for youth grades 6th - 12th.

Joyful Noise & Choristers, our children's and youth choirs, rehearse at 11am each Sunday unless there is no Sunday School (then they meet at 10:30am).

If you have any questions regarding the formation for our children and youth here at Bruton Parish, please contact me directly (mbrewer@brutonparish.org or 757-345-6489).

SUNDAYS, APRIL 3 & 10

Children's Church will be held at 9:15am. Sunday School will not be held these Sundays because of spring breaks. Children's & Youth Choir Rehearsal will be held at 10:30am (instead of 11am on these Sundays).

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

Children's Church will be held at 9:15, and Children's & Youth Choir Rehearsal at 10:30am. Youth Group will be at the Pirate Cove Putt Putt on Bypass Road (time to be announced).

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

Children's Church will not be held because the children and youth will be singing in the church during the 9:15 service. Sunday School will be held at 10:30am, and Children's & Youth Choir Rehearsal will be held at 11am.



A few of the children from church took some time to "Ring the Bell for Freedom." It was a special honor to learn the history of First Baptist Church and also "ring the bell."

It's nice that church not only brings you to a spiritual place, but also allows you to make new friends that you might not normally meet!

Candlelight Concerts Offered by Our Music Ministry to the Parish & Community

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Concerts are held in the church at 8pm unless otherwise noted. Parking is permitted on Duke of Gloucester Street in front of the church during the recitals.

Saturday, April 2
Organ Recital - Stephen Henley, Jr., Organist - from Bon Air Presbyterian Church in Richmond, VA

Tuesday, April 5
Organ Recital - Dr. JanEl Will Bruton Organist

Thursday, April 7
Organ & Harpsichord Recital
Rebecca Davy, Bruton Organist

Saturday, April 9
Choral Concert - Chancel Choir from St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Lynchburg, VA, Sarah Pelfrey, Director

Sunday, April 10 @ 5:30 pm
Choral Evensong - Canticles of Thomas Tallis - The William & Mary Christopher Wren Singers, Robert Quittmeyer, Director, Rebecca Davy, Organist

Tuesday, April 12
Chamber Music Concert - Harpsichord Concertos of Johann Sebastian Bach for 1, 2, 3, & 4 harpsichords - Thomas Marshall, Rebecca Davy, JanEl Will & Sarah Bland, Harpsichordists with String Quartet

Thursday, April 14
Chamber Music Concert - Flute Forte! from Richmond, VA, Susan Davis, Director

Saturday, April 16
Choral Concert - The William & Mary Women's Chorus, Sarah Froom, Director

Tuesday, April 19
Organ Recital - Marty Barstow, Organist at St. Stephen Lutheran Church

Thursday, April 21
Chamber Music Concert
The William & Mary Gallery Players
Susan Via, Director

Saturday, April 23
Annual John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Concert - Messiah, Parts II & III by George Frederic Handel - Choirs of Bruton Parish with Orchestra
Rebecca Davy, Director

Tuesday, April 26
Harp Concert - Williamsburg Youth Harp Society, Cynthia Campbell, Director

Thursday, April 28
Choral Concert - West Side Singers from Susquenita High School in Duncannon, PA - Chuck Bateman, Director

Saturday, April 30
Youth Choir & Strings Concert - Soli Deo & Young Musicians of Virginia, Karla Robinson & Sarah Umlauf, Directors



Annual John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Concert

Saturday, April 23 ~ 8:00 p.m.

Messiah, Parts II & III
by George Frederic Handel

Sung by the Bruton Choirs with Orchestra,
directed by Rebecca Davy

Sarah Taylor, Bekah Davis, Garry Sloan
& Chris Mooney, Solists

We will present Parts II and III of George Frederic Handel's beloved Messiah for our annual John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Concert on Saturday, April 23 at 8pm during Friends of Bruton weekend. Handel originally composed this oratorio for the Easter season, and it was premiered during Holy Week in the flourishing city of Dublin on April 13, 1742. This initial performance was directed to a secular audience that would otherwise possibly ignore both Holy Week and Easter commemorations.

The renowned librettist, Charles Jennen, was a devout and evangelical Christian who wrote the libretto as a challenge to what was then a growing rise in Deism, a religious belief that rejects any doctrine of divine intervention in our lives. Jennen presented the libretto to Handel, and Handel completed the oratorio in just 24 days during August and September of 1741. Seven hundred people attended the premiere in Musick Hall, where ladies had been begged not to wear hoops to the performance in order to allow more people to fit in the audience. Handel gave most of the proceeds from the first performance to a debtors' prison and hospital in Dublin, and later performances in London became annual charity events to raise money for Handel's favorite charity — the London's Foundling Hospital.

The work is organized into three large parts relating to the birth, the sacrifice, and the resurrection of Christ. The libretto is entirely derived from biblical texts, largely from the Old Testament, using words from prophets to relate the passion and resurrection stories. Although the format is unorthodox, loosely relating a story without the usual drama of conflicting leading players, Messiah was a huge success from the start and has continuously remained so to this day. Largely because of this work Beethoven proclaimed Handel the greatest composer that ever lived, and Handel himself insisted on attending a performance of Messiah in Covent Garden just eight days before his own death in 1759. Although Part I (the Christmas portion) is frequently performed, Parts II and III are less often heard but have been sung once each decade at Bruton Parish beginning in 1971 and most recently in 2003.

No tickets required, freewill offering will be received to help offset expenses.

Historical Organ Recitals

William & Mary
Wren Chapel
Saturdays, 10am

April 2, 9, 23, 30
Rebecca Davy,
Organist

April 16
Sarah Bland,
Organist



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LAST OPPORTUNITY TO RSVP IS MONDAY, MARCH 28

Canterbury Gala & Silent Auction



April 2, 2016 at 7pm

Historic Christopher Wren Building at William & Mary

Admission includes heavy hors d'oeuvres (cash bar), an organ concert in Wren Chapel, live entertainment, and tours of the Wren Building

Tickets are \$50/person or \$80/couple.

Buy your tickets online now at <http://bit.ly/canterburygala> or stop by the Parish House.

All proceeds go to the Canterbury Missions Fund, which provides grants to various charities and scholarships to William & Mary students for international trips. This year, the Canterbury Missions Fund has helped 18 students go to England on pilgrimage and is funding various scholarships for primary school students in San Pedro, Belize.

Please consider donating a gift basket (or items which we can include in a gift basket, i.e. gift certificates) to the Canterbury Association for the silent auction. We welcome collaborative gift baskets from committees or groups of people. Please contact Bethany Bennett at babennett@email.wm.edu if you are interested in compiling a gift basket or donating basket items.

If you cannot make the event but wish to contribute, you may donate online or write a check payable to Bruton Parish Church with "Canterbury Missions Fund" in the memo and either: 1) place it in the offering plate on Sunday; 2) mail it to the Church Office at P.O. Box 3520, Williamsburg, VA 23187-3520; or 3) drop it by the Parish House.

Childcare is available by appointment only, email childcare@brutonparish.org.



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After 5pm, call the church office
and choose Option 6. If necessary,
please leave your name, telephone
number and brief message, and the
clergy-on-call will return your call
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