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Bruton Parish Episcopal Church

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April 2017

Three Things

The Rev'd Chris Epperson

We are rapidly approaching the end of Lent and the Great Feast. Make the most of these remaining days. I hope you will consider and make arrangements to attend the services of Holy Week. Witnessing the last week of Jesus' earthly ministry is important, and it sets the stage to grasp the import of his changed life. For yourself, come.

The Fifth Annual Friends of Bruton Day is on the horizon. I hope you have seen the announcements, and are planning to be part of it. We are so fortunate to have Valarie Gray-Holmes with us. She is an interpreter at Colonial Williamsburg. She will share her unique

experience presenting the story of people of color through the history of Williamsburg.

Finally, we are gearing up to have a Ministry Fair. A process is underway to have representatives of the myriad of Bruton ministries present following all services on Sunday, April 30. We will set up around the church to give all Brutonians an opportunity to see all the things we do as a parish. I hope many of you will find this helpful, and find ways that you want to be involved. We do so much as a community of faith. This is a time to take stock of it all, and find ways to support and sustain our efforts.

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Sunday, April 2 @ 10:30am

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Thursday, April 6 @ 1pm *

Community Café
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Thursday, April 6, 1-3pm

First Fridays Recovery Eucharist
Friday, April 7 @ 5:30pm

Living the Gospel Bible Study
Sunday, April 9 & 23 @ 11am

Youth Lenten Journey
Sundays through April 9 (5:30-8:30pm)

Women's Evening Roundtable
Tuesday, April 18 @ 6:30pm

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EfM Open House
Sunday, April 30 @ 2:30pm

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

Worship Schedule

Sunday, April 2

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

Sunday, April 9

Holy Eucharist @ 7:30, 9:15, 11:15am
Choral Evensong @ 5:30pm

Holy Week & Easter
See pages 3 and 4 for the listing
of services.

Sunday, April 23

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

Sunday, April 30

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

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

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 on Sunday, April 2.



Wednesdays' Brown-Bag Bible Study

Bring lunch on Wednesdays in 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.

Living the Gospel Bible Study

This Lectionary-based Bible study is held at 11am every second and fourth Sunday in the Custis House and examines the impact of the Gospel message on our everyday lives. Join us on Sundays, April 9 & 23.

Co-Ed Evening Book Group

In celebration of National Poetry Month, this co-ed book group asks that you bring a favorite poem(s) to share with the group on Monday, April 24, at 7pm. In May, we'll meet for a potluck dinner and select books for next year! To join the group or for more information, please contact Susie Morrison at 757-846-6863 or pmbookgroup@brutonparish.org. We love to have new members!

First Fridays Recovery Eucharist

The next First Fridays Recovery Eucharist will be on April 7 at 5:30pm in the church. Please join us for this service in the chancel that includes readings and prayers that focus on helping people find ways to live faithfully in the midst of any kind of suffering, especially individuals and their loved ones who are living with addiction, co-dependence, mental illness, and trauma. The Rev'd Lauren McDonald will be the celebrant and preacher. The theme of the service is recovery, but you do not need to be in recovery to attend. All are welcome!



Reception Volunteers

Kathryn Smith

The reception desk at the church office needs help, especially substitutes. Due to vacations, illnesses and "retirements," we are shorthanded. This is a good way for newcomers to meet people. Shifts are from 9am to 1pm and 1pm to 5pm weekdays. Duties include answering the telephone, greeting visitors, and being an extra pair of hands to help the church office with projects like stuffing envelopes, etc. If you are interested, please contact me at 757-229-2188 or visit the volunteer section of the church's website at www.brutonparish.org.

THE UNITED THANK OFFERING



THROUGH DAILY PRAYER & TANGIBLE OFFERINGS, LIVES ARE CHANGED IN VERY REAL WAYS

Loving God, we lift our voices in prayer for all who are in need, and we offer the talents and treasure that you have so graciously given us, humbly asking that you would use our prayers and offerings to change lives in real ways, through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.

The United Thank Offering is a personal spiritual discipline of thanksgiving that supports God's mission throughout the World. Join in the practice of offering "Coins of Thankfulness and Prayers of Thanksgiving" by dropping coins (or dollars) into a special container, the Blue Box or Envelope, whether it be each time a prayer of thanksgiving is offered, or in thanksgiving of a special event.

Bruton Parish Church's 2017 UTO Giving Period concludes with the Ingathering on Sunday April 23.

UTO Blue Boxes and Envelopes are available in the Church Tower and Parish House Reception Desk.

Lilies for the Easter Altar



Contributions are now being accepted for the lilies which will decorate the Easter altar. The deadline is Monday, March 27, for receiving the names to be included in the bulletin as a memorial, a thank offering, or in honor of someone special. Please make your check payable to Bruton Parish Church and mail it directly to Dianne Spence at 102 Walnut Hills Drive, Williamsburg, VA 23185-3427 (please do not send the checks to the church office). Be sure to include your telephone number on the check or correspondence. Please contact Dianne directly if you have any questions (email lilies@brutonparish.org or call 757-229-4915).

Holy Week Schedule

**Holy Monday, Tuesday
& Wednesday
April 10, 11 & 12**

Holy Eucharist @ 6 pm

Maundy Thursday, April 13

Holy Eucharist &
Stripping of the Altar @ 6 pm
Canterbury-led Vigil with Footwashing
@ 8 pm in St. Mary's Chapel

Good Friday, April 14

The Hours from Noon to 3 pm
Stations of the Cross @ 3 pm
Good Friday Liturgy @ 6 pm

Holy Saturday, April 15

The Great Vigil of Easter @ 9 pm
Begins in the churchyard (with incense)

Easter Sunday, April 16

Holy Eucharist in the Church
@ 7 am, 8:30 am, 10:15 am,
12 noon & 5:30 pm
Holy Eucharist in the Churchyard
@ 10:15 am (Egg Hunt follows)

Palm Sunday Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to distribute palm fronds at all four services on Palm Sunday, April 9 (7:30, 9:15, 11:15am & 5:30pm). If you would like to volunteer, please contact Kathryn Smith by emailing palmfronds@brutonparish.org or calling 757-229-2188.

Palm Sunday @ 9:15 am

Join us at 9am on the Palace Green on Palm Sunday, April 9, for the Blessing of the Palms, after which we will process into the church for the service. If you cannot physically join us for the procession, please feel free to enter the sanctuary for a time of quiet meditation before the service.

Worship in Holy Week

Join us on Holy Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (April 10, 11 & 12) in the church at 6pm and celebrate the Holy Eucharist.

Maundy Thursday

The liturgies for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday are unique and highly symbolic; each will be celebrated only once, offering a sense of the "real time" of the Last Supper and the Crucifixion — Christ's Passion. Holy Eucharist and The Stripping of the Altar will be held in the church on Thursday, April 13, at 6pm. Led by our Canterburyans, a Vigil with foot-washing will be held at 8pm in St. Mary's Chapel. Parishioners as well as college students are welcome.

Good Friday

The Hours of Good Friday will be held in the church from noon until 3pm on Friday, April 14. The service consists of half-hour segments with hymns, readings, meditations, prayer and silence which commemorate the hours Jesus spent on the cross. Congregants are invited for the entire service or for single or multiple movements. There will be an organ interlude at the end of each, where worshipers may come and go.

The Stations of the Cross will be marked beginning at 3pm as a large cross is carried from Bruton through the college campus to the Catholic Campus Ministry building (old St. Bede's on Richmond Road).

We hope you will attend Good Friday Liturgy at 6pm in the church as the finality of the Crucifixion sets in. Christ has died, and the world holds its breath.

Holy Saturday

The Great Vigil of Easter begins in the churchyard with "The Lighting of the New Fire of Easter" on Saturday, April 15, at 9pm and then continues in the church. This is the most important celebration of the entire year — the one from which all others either take their meaning or to which all others look forward.

Proceeding from darkness to light, from silence to alleluia, it is the symbolic drama-tization of the story of God's action on our behalf. It is the Christian Passover, for it celebrates the passing from death to life, from sin to grace. The story of the Exodus is central to the Liturgy of the Word; Baptism is the means of the full realization of redemption; Holy Communion is the promise of the glory that shall be ours with our Risen Lord. This service includes incense.

Easter Traffic, Parking & Services

In order to help the flow of traffic between the services on Easter Day, please drive down Prince George Street towards the Palace church, turn right when you get to the Palace Green, and officers will direct you where to park from there ... you will not be permitted to enter Duke of Gloucester Street from Nassau Street (please see the diagram below).

We will have two lines to bring worshippers into the church. Parishioners are asked to form a line from the Palace Green Gate down the walk toward the Governor's Palace (and, as always, wearing your parish nametag is helpful). Ushers will help form this line and be sensitive to the health and fitness of those members of the parish in line, and do their best to offer comfort and expedience. Visitors will form a line down Duke of Gloucester Street and will be admitted once we have admitted parishioners.

Once inside, please allow the ushers to assist you in finding a seat. Once each service is over, all will exit through Duke of Gloucester Street gate, allowing those waiting for the next service to begin entering.

The Flower Cross

All are encouraged to bring cut flowers for the cross which will be stationed in the churchyard and used for the churchyard service on Easter.

Easter Sunday's Egg Hunt

The Egg Hunt will be held following the 10:15 am service in the churchyard on Easter Sunday, April 16. Children pre-K through 4th grade should bring their baskets!

Newcomers' Welcome Reception

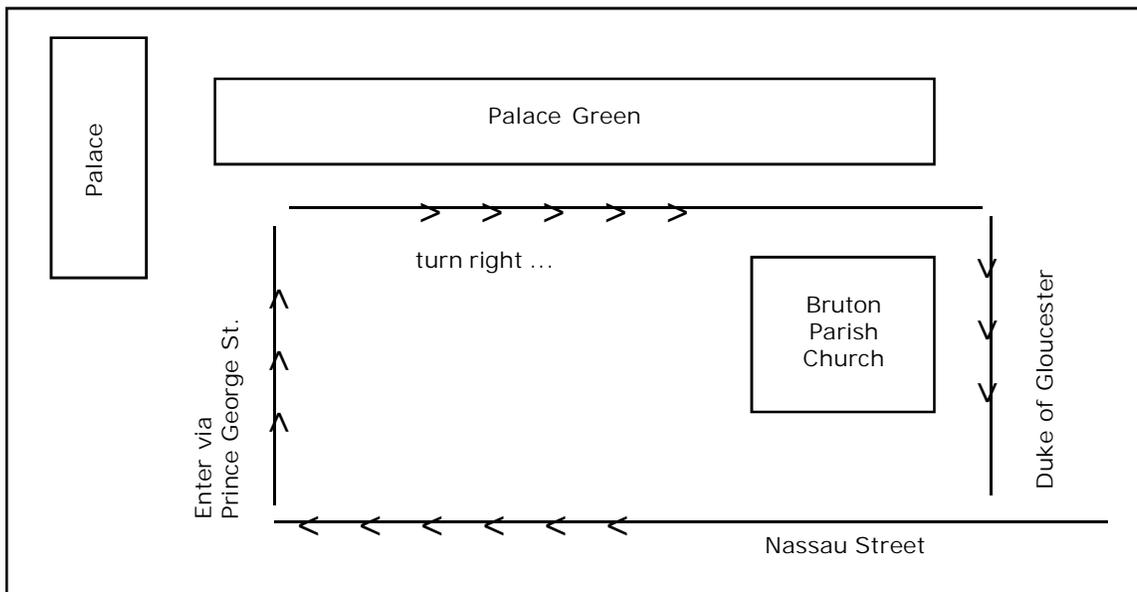
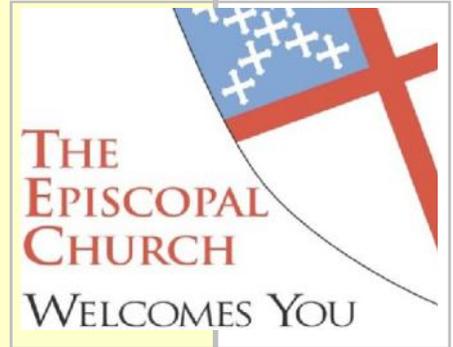
By Bob Magnusson

The Newcomers Committee is planning a welcome reception for Bruton Parish newcomers from 5:30 to 7pm on Thursday, April 27, in the Parish House.

The parish Clergy and members of the Vestry and Newcomers Committee will welcome new or nearly new members in an informal gathering, a wonderful opportunity for fun and family fellowship. Heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine, sodas, coffee and other non-alcoholic drinks will be served. Bring your children; activities and appropriate refreshments will be provided.

A guided tour of the Parish House will be available before the reception. Gather at 5pm in the Parish House lobby near the reception desk. The reception will begin at the conclusion of the tour.

Please let us know how many adults and children will be attending by contacting the church office at either 757-229-2891 or email newcomers@brutonparish.org. Parking will be available on the Duke of Gloucester in front of the Parish House.



Women's Theological Book Group

The Women's Theological Book Group will be meeting on Thursday, April 6, from 1-2:30 in Room 206 of the Parish House (please note the room change). Come join us to discuss Sara Miles' book, *Take This Bread*, about the journey from receiving Communion for the first time to creating a food pantry in the sanctuary of a church. In May, we will be reading *The Invention of Wings*, Sue Monk Kid's novel based on the lives of the Grimké sisters from Charleston who were part of the abolitionist movement. The group will meet for discussion on May 18. Child care is available by reservation by contacting Meghan Brewer (childcare@brutonparish.org or 757-229-2891).

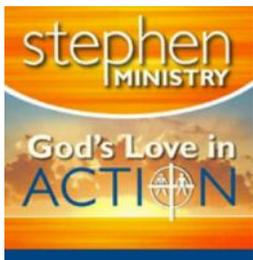
Women's Evening Roundtable

All women of the parish are invited to come for an evening of potluck on Tuesday, April 18, at 6:30pm at Susan Morrison's house. For directions, either call Susie at 757-846-6863 or email womenseveninggroup@brutonparish.org.

A Caring Friend

Laurie Krebs

"When we honestly ask ourselves which persons in our lives mean the most to us, we often find that it is those who, instead of giving advice, solutions, or cures, have chosen rather to share our pain and touch our wounds with a warm and tender hand. The friend who can be silent with us in a moment of despair or confusion, who can stay with us in an hour of grief and bereavement, who can tolerate not knowing, not curing, not healing and face with us the reality of our powerlessness, that is a friend who cares."
Henri J. M. Nouwen



Stephen Ministers are called to be that kind of friend. They walk beside those in crisis, listening to, caring for and praying with the person, always allowing God to provide the cure. Sometimes the crisis is the loss of a loved one, a job or a marriage. Sometimes it's coping with advancing age, diminished independence or deteriorating health. Stephen Ministers have been trained to understand these heartaches and to provide 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 757-564-6191 or Mary Jean Hurst at 757-810-5112.



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 prayer is attributed to Saint Francis and offered this month by a Daughter.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is discord, union;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that we may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are
pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are
born to eternal life.
Amen.



Pictured below are Susan Moorman, Claudia Powell and Alice Oates are the newest members of the Bruton Chapter of The Order of the Daughters of the King. These ladies completed a twelve-week discernment and study program for membership and received their crosses from Father Chris during the Service of Admission For New Members. The Order of the Daughters of the King is an order of women with membership in the Anglican, Episcopal, Lutheran and Roman Catholic Churches. The mission of the Order is the extension of Christ's Kingdom through prayer, service and evangelism.

The FIFTH Annual Friends Day at Bruton

by Jim Morford, Chairman
Friends of Bruton Committee

It's hard to believe, but our FIFTH Annual Friends Day at Bruton will soon be here! The Friends of Bruton Committee has planned an outstanding day of events for our Saturday, April 29, celebration and you will not want to miss out on the opportunity to join with Friends near and far for this special occasion!

Events begin at the Church on Saturday morning at 10am when Thomas Jefferson and Patrick Henry will debate religious freedom, courtesy of Colonial Williamsburg.

Our Friends Day Luncheon will feature a presentation by Ms. Valarie Gray-Holmes. She is associated with Colonial Williamsburg where she portrays women — some enslaved and some free — during various periods of our nation's history with emphasis on the colonial period in and near Williamsburg.



In 2015, Ms. Gray-Holmes received the prestigious Women in American History Award from the Williamsburg Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

The afternoon program will offer an exceptional opportunity to participate in a Pilgrimage to Holy Ground at Jamestown. Participants will visit the site of the 1608 church and note the burial site of Rev'd Robert Hunt, the first priest of the Church of England to celebrate the Eucharist in English North America. The Pilgrimage will also include visiting the 1907 brick church built on the foundations of two earlier churches. It is now believed that Thomas West, third baron De La Warr, and the first Royal Governor of the Colony of Virginia, may be buried at this site. Pilgrims will view religious artifacts unearthed at Jamestown and displayed at the Archaearium. Group size is limited, so reserve early!

The morning, luncheon and afternoon programs all require advance reservations which may be made by completing the form to the right. Please mail it along with your check made payable to Bruton Parish with Friends Day in the memo line directly to the attention of Hilary Cooley at the parish office by Friday, April 21.

Friends Day activities will conclude with the annual John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Concert at the church at 8pm.

The Friends of Bruton Committee is pleased to announce that, in addition to the nearly 2,000 members of our local congregation, we have over 1,600 members who live outside the Williamsburg area. Many states and several foreign countries are represented in what is truly Our Worldwide Congregation. During the annual luncheon, we will be recognizing our 108 Charter Members. The Cornerstone Circle, launched last April at Friends Day, has over 60 sustaining members in its first year!

We do hope you will join with us for this first milestone celebration of Friends of Bruton.



Fifth Annual Friends Day at Bruton Parish April 29, 2017

Reservation Form
(please complete and return
by Thursday, April 20)

YES, I/We plan to attend the Fifth Annual Friends Day at Bruton on Saturday, April 29. Name(s) of those attending:

Address: _____

Email: _____

YES, please reserve _____ (number of persons) for the 10am debate on religious liberty between Patrick Henry and Thomas Jefferson in the church. Since this program will also be open to the public, it will be wise to both reserve and arrive early for this event.

YES, please reserve _____ (number of persons) for the Friends Day Luncheon at the Parish House at 12:15pm. The cost for the luncheon and the Fifth Annual Friends Day meeting is \$12/person. The guest speaker will be Valarie Holmes, an Actress and Writer in Special & Evening Programs at Colonial Williamsburg. She will present characters by making connections to today and will help people to have a better understanding of how history relates to us today.

YES, please reserve _____ (number of persons) for the special Pilgrimage to Holy Ground at Jamestown at 3pm. The group size is limited and preference will be given to those who attend the Friends Day Luncheon. The cost is \$25/person.

Friends Day will conclude with the Annual John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Concert at 8pm at the church.

Please make your reservation check payable to Bruton Parish Church (note Friends of Bruton Day in the memo) and mail it to the address below. Seating is limited, so you are urged to make your luncheon reservation as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Hilary Cooley at hcooley@brutonparish.org or 757-345-2252.

Please mail your completed form along with your check to:

Bruton Parish Church, c/o Hilary Cooley
P.O. Box 3520
Williamsburg, VA 23187-3520

Bruton Singles

Heidi Elam, Ruth Mullaney, Eda Martin
& Donna Dodenhoff



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 1, 5:30pm
20th Century Women

Meet us in the Kimball Theatre lobby at 5:30pm for the screening of 20th Century Women which had its world premiere at the New York Film Festival in 2016 and received universal acclaim from film critics. It is an American comedy-drama film directed and written by Mike Mills. The film is set in 1970s Southern California. Afterwards, we will stop for refreshment at PhoVietnamese Restaurant in New Town (\$7/ticket + meal). Please RSVP via email to Donna Dodenhoff at singles@brutonparish.org.

Sunday, April 9, 4pm
William & Mary Jazz Ensemble
& Jazz Combo

Join us at 4pm at the Kimball Theatre for an afternoon of jazz classics, as the William & Mary Department of Music presents The William & Mary Jazz Ensemble with Director Woody Beckner, and The William & Mary Jazz Combo with Director Harris Simon. After the concert we will walk over to Aromas (\$8/ ticket + meal). Please RSVP to Donna Dodenhoff at singles@brutonparish.org.

Wednesday, April 12, 7:30pm
The Virginia Symphony Orchestra's
Woodwind Quintet

Join us at the Williamsburg Regional Library Theatre Lobby at 7:15pm for the free concert of the acclaimed Woodwind Quintet's "Winds of Song." Please contact Eda Martin at 757-532-8721 to RSVP or email singles@brutonparish.org.

Saturday, April 22, 7pm-10pm
Canterbury Gala & Silent Auction

Come to William & Mary's Christopher Wren Building and support our Bruton Parish Canterburyans' annual fundraiser gala event. The admission includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, live entertainment, and a tour of the Wren Building. All proceeds go to the Canterbury Mission Fund, which provides grants to various charities and scholarships to William & Mary students for international trips (\$75/ticket) Buy your ticket online now through Bruton's website at <http://bit.ly/canterburygala> or purchase physical ticket(s) through Hilary Cooley at the church office. After purchasing ticket(s), please contact Heidi Elam at 757-897-5012 to RSVP and let us know you're attending.

CANTERBURY GALA & SILENT AUCTION

April 22, 2017 ~ 7-10pm



Join us in the Historic Christopher Wren Building at William & Mary. Admission includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, an organ concert in Wren Chapel, live entertainment, and tours of the Wren Building (open bar). Tickets are \$75/person or \$120/couple. Buy your tickets online now through Bruton's website at <http://bit.ly/canterburygala> or you can purchase physical tickets from Hilary Cooley at the Parish House during the church office hours.

Please consider donating a gift basket 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. All proceeds go to the Canterbury Missions Fund, which provides grants to various charities and scholarships to William & Mary students for international trips.

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.
Please email childcare@brutonparish.org.*

Saturday, April 29, 8pm
Annual John D. Rockefeller, Jr.
Memorial Concert

Join us in the church at 8pm and support the Bruton Choirs for the performance of the annual John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Concert. After the concert we will gather at the Williamsburg Lodge's Sweet Tea and Barley lounge for refreshment (freewill offering + meal). Please contact Ruth Mullaney at either 757-229-6961 or email singles@brutonparish.org to RSVP.

Ways to Volunteer!

Stay tuned for Bruton's Ministry Fair on Sunday, April 30, outside the church after each service.

Learn about the many opportunities that catch your eye and volunteer.

Watch for details in the Sunday bulletins and the weekly Bruton Bytes!

Needlepoint Seat Covers will Enhance Rector's Pew

Isabel Burch & Marty Jones

In addition to the beautiful seat cushion which Sally Riley has needlepointed, there are three more covers which are being stitched by Bruton parishioners Grace Martien, Barbie Siegel and Toni Webb.

Kathy Mullins is leading a campaign within the Altar Guild to raise the funds needed to cover the cost of one of these seat covers. The cost of each needlepoint seat is \$900. This amount covers the cost of the design, painting of the canvas, wool for stitching as well as installation of the completed needlepoint cover. Anyone can make a donation in honor, memory or thanksgiving for the work of past and current Altar Guild members.

Generous donations have been made to help with the remaining needlepoint covers but there is still a need for more contributions to help with the cost of these beautifully designed chair seat covers. The remaining chairs in the Rector's Pew will feature Mark, Luke and John.

We would welcome the help of other committees or individuals to help fund this phase of the Needlepoint Project. Checks can be sent to Bruton Parish Church, c/o Dudley Hoyle, P.O. Box 3520, Williamsburg, VA 23187. Please write Needlepoint Project in the memo line. You can also donate online at <http://bit.ly/GIVE2BPC> and please choose Needlepoint Fund.

Please email needlepoint@brutonparish.org if you have any questions or call Marty Jones or Isabel Burch. Also, if you would like to see the completed needlepoint cover, we would be happy to arrange to meet and show it to you.



Pictured above is the most recent example of the stitching skills and dedication of longtime Bruton member Sally Riley. It is even more exquisite in real life and will be a lovely addition for everyone to enjoy as they pass the rector's pew. Sally also stitched the Jamestown Chalice kneeler for the altar. We can't thank her enough for sharing her talent and the many hours it takes to complete an intricate needlepoint canvas.

Pictured to the left below is Sally Riley with the first seat cover which she stitched for the rector's pew. To the right below is Libby Flowers carefully stitching the memorial designations on the bottom of each of the needlepoint kneeler cushions. We thank her for her ingenuity in figuring out how

to secure them to a finished cushion. Her skill with a curved upholstery needle and her patience helped her to complete this job beautifully.



Mission & Outreach Updates Greater Williamsburg Outreach Mission (GWOM)

The Greater Williamsburg Outreach Mission (GWOM) combines the resources of the local faith community to assist local homeless neighbors. Currently, there is one program in process (The Harbor) with the second (The Community Kitchen) slated to open later this Spring, serving approximately twenty guests daily.

The Harbor is a day shelter at St. Bede's on Richmond Road that provides two hot meals, showers, counseling services and the use of a computer to facilitate job searches. This shelter is open between 10am and 2pm, Monday through Thursday.

The Community Kitchen is a day shelter at Williamsburg United Methodist Church on Jamestown Road. This will be open on Fridays between 11am and 1pm, and provide hot lunch.

The shelters are staffed by volunteers and the need is great! In addition to the volunteer need, Bruton Parish currently does not have a parish representative to attend the GWOM planning and operations meetings. These quarterly meetings give a voice to the church communities in improving upon this mission.

Please contact the Mission & Outreach Committee at mission@brutonparish.org if you are interested in providing your support as a volunteer or as a parish representative.

EfM Open House

Alta Cassady



Parishioners interested in learning more about the Education for Ministry (EfM) program are invited to attend an Open House on Sunday, April 30, in the Coffee, Tea & Thee Room in the Parish House beginning at 2:30pm. After a brief presentation on the program, participants in this year's class will be available to answer questions.

EfM prepares participants for the ministry to which each is called. It is that vocation for which we pray at the conclusion of the Eucharist, "And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord."

EfM provides lay persons with a theological education which supports their faith and also teaches them to express that faith in day-to-day events. The program develops an informed and knowledgeable laity to face a complex and often confusing world.

"All four years of EfM have been a great experience for me," states John Meeks. "EfM has taught me about the Bible, church history and theology in a way that I can apply to my practice of faith and my life."

Meeks adds, "I look forward to conversations with my colleagues and learning from them. Four years has been a big commitment of time and effort, but I will miss EfM very much when I graduate this spring."

The current curriculum calls for a year-long study of each of four subjects: the Hebrew Bible, the New Testament, Church History, and Theology, Ethics and Interfaith Encounter. Participants are only asked to make a one year commitment at the beginning of the study, which begins in mid-September and concludes in mid-June at Bruton Parish.

EfM has evolved since it was first developed in 1975 by the School of Theology at Sewanee. Today, it is an international program with participants in ten countries and ninety-three of the one hundred Episcopal dioceses in the United States.

Sally Riley recommends the program by stating, "I had taken EfM about ten years ago, but so much was going on in my life that I didn't get as much out of it as I wished. So I signed up again. I am glad I did. The text books have been changed and updated. There is a good group of participants, and it is a great experience. I encourage former participants to join again. You will be glad you did!"

As Women Go

Agnes Serena

Women of Bruton have been on a major Lenten "go" of late! Some chose to "rough it out together" during the overnight retreat at Chanco. Some chose to be nourished at the ECW Silent Lenten Luncheon in Lewis Hall recently. Both occasions were opportunities for insight, fellowship and laughter!

Neither would have occurred without the caring, thoughtful and inspired expertise of the Reverends Jan Brown and Lauren McDonald! The Women's Roundtable, the ECW and all who attended thank you, Jan and Lauren, for providing these moments of Lent to "Come Away and Pray."



On Saturday, February 25, fifteen Canterburians joined volunteers from Catholic Campus Ministry, Baptist Collegiate Ministries, and several other groups around Williamsburg to host KIDS' Night, which is run by the One Child Center for Autism here in Williamsburg. KIDS' Night offers respite care for families with autistic children. From 4:30-9:30pm, we played games and looked after these remarkable children.

Children & Youth Formation in April

Meghan Brewer

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

Children's Church is age-appropriate worship held at 9:15am in St. Mary's Chapel, tailored for children K-5th grade. Drop them off at 9am, then head to the church. Save a seat, as the children join the congregation at the Peace. We'll continue holding an age-appropriate service for 3-4 year olds in the room next to the nursery.

Sunday School is held from 10:30-11am for children through 5th grade in the Parish House, and in the Custis House for middle and high school youth. We meet in the church tower after communion and then walk to classes together.



Joyful Noise, Choristers & Cantores Youth Choirs typically rehearse in the Parish House at 11am (unless there is no Sunday School) in the choir room.

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

Children's Church will be held at 9:15am, followed by Sunday School at 10:30am, and Choir Rehearsal at 11am. The Youth Lenten Journey will continue for middle schoolers at 5:30pm in the Parish House, followed by Compline at 7pm in the church, when our high schoolers will join us.

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

Children's Church and Sunday School will not be held, but there will be Choir Rehearsal at 11am. The Youth Lenten Journey will conclude on Palm Sunday.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

Children's Church and Sunday School will not be held on Easter Sunday. The Children's & Youth choirs will be singing at 10:15am during the churchyard service (there will be no rehearsal this Sunday). The Easter Egg Hunt will follow the 10:15am service in the churchyard. Be sure to bring a basket!

SUNDAY, APRIL 23 & 30

Children's Church will be held at 9:15am, followed by Sunday School at 10:30am, and Choir Rehearsal at 11am.

OFFERINGS OF GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS

Bruton's children and youth are invited to a discipline of giving this Lent through our United Thank Offering blue boxes which will be distributed during church on Sundays and are also available in the Parish House during the week. In donating through the boxes, children and youth help others by sharing what God has given them. The Children's Lenten Calendar entitled Giving of Yourself, Blessings In All Forms was included in last month's issue and is also available in the Parish House. Bring your UTO boxes back to church on Sunday, April 23.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO GEORGIA

Our middle and high schoolers are headed to the mountains of Appalachia this summer for a mission trip to north Georgia from June 18-26. If interested in participating, please contact Father Josh at jstephens@brutonparish.org, Meghan Brewer at mbrewer@brutonparish.org, or call 757-229-2891. For more information and to sign up, please visit our website.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!

Save the dates for VBS which will be held here at Bruton Parish this year from August 7-11 from 9am to 12pm. We'll need lots of hands to help out, so if you can volunteer during this week of important formation for your child(ren), please contact Meghan Brewer at 757-345-6489 or mbrewer@brutonparish.org.

Pictures from the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper co-sponsored by the Youth Ministry and our Canterburians. Fun, fellowship and lots of food was had by all!



Candlelight Concerts for the Parish & Community by our Music Ministry

Saturday, April 1
Youth Choral Concert
Virginia Children's Choir from Norfolk, Virginia
Carol Downing, Director, Welby Pugin,
Accompanist & Williamsburg Youth Chorale
from Williamsburg, Virginia
Ann Porter & Genrose Lashinger, Directors
Elaine Howell, Accompanist

Tuesday, April 4 - Organ Recital
Dr. JanEl Will, Bruton Organist

Thursday, April 6
Organ & Harpsichord Recital
Rebecca Davy, Music Director
at Bruton Parish

Friday, April 7 - Choral Concert
William & Mary Women's Chorus
Sarah Froom Gallo, Director

Saturday, April 8 - Organ Recital
Rebecca Davy, Bruton Music Director

Sunday, April 9 @ 5:30 pm
Passion Sunday Choral Evensong
Canticles by Thomas Morley
Stabat Mater by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
Bruton Parish Choirs, Rebecca Davy, Director
Dr. JanEl Will, Organist

Tuesday, April 11 - Organ Recital
Dr. JanEl Will, Bruton Organist

Tuesday, April 18
Organ & Harpsichord Recital
Rebecca Davy, Bruton Music Director

Thursday, April 20
Chamber Music Concert
William & Mary Gallery Players
Susan Via, Director

Saturday, April 22
Youth Choir & Strings Concert
Soli Deo & Young Musicians of Virginia
Karla Robinson & Sarah Umlauf, Directors

Tuesday, April 25
Organ & Harpsichord Recital
Rebecca Davy, Music Director at Bruton Parish

Thursday, April 27 - Organ Recital
Dr. JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

Saturday, April 29 - John D. Rockefeller, Jr.
Annual Memorial Concert
(see inset below)

Historical Organ Recitals

William & Mary's Wren Chapel
Saturdays @ 10am
April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Rebecca Davy, Organist

Annual John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Concert

Saturday, April 29 @ 8 pm



Cantata 80, Ein feste Burg
(A Mighty Fortress)
by Johann Sebastian Bach
in commemoration of the
500th anniversary of the
Lutheran Reformation

Utrecht Jubilate
by George Frederic Handel

Bruton Choirs, Brass Ensemble,
Percussion & Organ

No tickets required, a freewill offering will be received.

Happy to be Aboard

Marty Easton

I am so glad to have joined the Bruton Parish staff as of February 27 as part-time Development Director. My role in a nutshell is to bring together parish goals with the financial resources needed to meet them. This means enhancing our planned giving program through the Bruton Parish Church Foundation, and later this year, spearheading Annual Giving 2018.

During the Capital Campaign, we announced a vision and invited everyone to participate. The response was terrific! Now, we who are drawn together by God will continue confidently in that concrete work, because of what we achieved. Invest in the mission! With our prayers, energy and money all working together, we will strengthen Bruton Parish and bring closer the kingdom of God. In writing and by collaborating with you, I hope to spread and share that message.

I'm married to Jim Easton. We moved here from Ridgewood, New Jersey in 2002 with our son and two daughters. I grew up in Richmond and like good Virginians, my mother and father brought my brothers and me to see Colonial Williamsburg and Bruton Parish Church. Now Bruton is the center of my spiritual life. I love many things about it: the music, history, its architecture and old pictures, the people I've known, and above all, going through the seasons of the church year on a journey to Christ. Joining the wonderful staff is the icing on the cake and I am very grateful.





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Safe Driving on Your Terms

Community Café

Join the Community Café Williamsburg on Thursday, April 6, from 1-3pm at St. Martins Episcopal Church on Jamestown Road for Safe Driving on Your Terms.

Newer cars are equipped with technology aimed at keeping the driver safer on the road. Mr. Bervin Elliot, AARP, recognizes that you the driver, are ultimately responsible for your safety and that of others on the road. Come learn about how medications can effect driving, how to reduce driver distractions, and safe driving strategies, as well as online courses that might lower you insurance.

Also enjoy a fun light exercise session with Coach J. focusing on building balance, flexibility, and strength.

The Café is free and open to Williamsburg residents age 60+, or caregivers. It is sponsored by local congregations, businesses, and the PAA. Join us for a short presentation, snacks and prizes.

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