A Few Thoughts About Sabbath
The Rev’d Chris Epperson

Re-engaging with you and the work of Bruton Parish after the first phase of sabbatical has been remarkable. Some have asked if it has been hard to return; the answer is, no. It is delightful to be among you.

I will be providing two occasions to talk about the Israel part of my sabbatical. Hopefully, you will find it interesting, and consider a future pilgrimage. I do want to share a few thoughts about sabbath.

We all need time to be quiet and still. It has become cliché to talk about disconnecting from technology. I am thinking about being quiet and still in a focused sort of way for a specific purpose. I need to remember who I am, and reconnect with my deepest commitments. It is easy to get lost in the work we do, and forget why we do what we do. I need to remember the "why." Free from the important patterns and matters of work, I was able to remember why.

We all need vision and spiritual sight. As I scan the horizon of life and ministry, sometimes I see very clearly. This is the next faithful thing. This is the next right thing. However, one must see the entire landscape. Will others see what I perceive as righteous and faithful? Vision is a community affair. It is not surprising that Jesus healed the blind.

Finally, sabbath enables gratitude. While I was away, I became grateful for the time to think. I was grateful for the opportunity to reconnect with myself. I was put in mind of the privilege it is to serve with you. I am grateful to the God that loves us and redeemed us in Christ. I am grateful to you and for you.

Mid-Summer Forum & Light Lunch
Sunday, July 28 @ 12:30pm
Lewis Hall

Share fellowship with other members of the parish, enjoy a box lunch and cold drink, and hear our rector Chris Epperson speak about his pilgrimage to the Holy Land in May.

All are welcome!
WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays, August 4, 11 & 18
Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15 & 11:15am
Evening Prayer @ 5:30pm

Sunday, August 25
Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am
Canterbury Opening Eucharist @ 9am (Wren)
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15 & 11:15am
Evening Prayer @ 5:30pm

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Noonday Prayer @ Church
Monday - Saturday

Holy Eucharist - St. Mary's Chapel
Tuesdays @ 8am

Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers
Wednesdays @ 11 am at the Church

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

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NEWCOMERS’ CORNER

New members of Bruton Parish are invited to join clergy, vestry and Newcomers Committee members for coffee in the Custis House at 10:30am on the first Sunday of each month. This is a great opportunity to become better acquainted with the parish and learn of the many ministries here at Bruton Parish. Please join us in the Custis House on Sunday, August 4.

LIVING THE GOSPEL BIBLE STUDY

This adult Lectionary-based Bible study is held every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 11am in the Custis House. The study looks at the impact of the Gospel message on our everyday lives. Join us Sundays, August 11 & 25.

PASTORAL EMERGENCIES

Monday through Friday (9am-5pm), please call (757) 345-2250 directly or call the church office at (757) 229-2891. After 5pm and on weekends, please call the church office at (757) 229-2891 and choose Option 6. If necessary, leave your name, telephone number and a brief message, and the clergy-on-call will return your call as soon as possible.
THE SALVATION ARMY
APPLE TREE PROGRAM
Isabel Burch

The success of The Salvation Army’s Apple Tree Program depends on people like you agreeing to “adopt” a child and purchase a new school outfit and shoes. For many of the families who turn to The Salvation Army for help, the clothing and shoes they receive through this program are the only new items their children will have on that important first day of school! Please help a child get off to a good start this school year.

How does the program work?

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2. You then take the tag and SHOP for your child(ren). We ask that you provide NEW clothing and shoes.

3. Once you have shopped for your child(ren), PLACE all of the gifts for each child into his or her own bag. DO NOT COMBINE A FAMILY OR ADD OTHER TAGS INTO ONE BAG. DO NOT WRAP GIFTS. Place the middle part of the tag in the bag, then tie or zip tie the bag, attaching the top section of the ID tag to the outside of the bag.

4. Please KEEP the bottom portion of the tag to attach to your receipts for tax purposes.

5. WHEN AND WHERE can I drop off bag? Please drop off your bag to Christine Britton’s office no later than Tuesday, August 6, at the Parish House or take it to the Salvation Army offices located at 216 Ironbound Road, Williamsburg, Monday through Friday, between 8:30am to 4:30pm.

For more information, please contact Christine Britton at either (757) 229-2891 or cbritton@brutonparish.org or call the Salvation Army of Greater Williamsburg at (757) 229-6651.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE
Right now, millions of Americans are living paycheck to paycheck. These are often hard-working parents, who simply cannot make ends meet and cannot afford to purchase necessary items for their children in the new school year. The Salvation Army of Williamsburg/James City County is working to solve this problem in our community.

Needed items include pens, pencils, graphic calculators, paper, notebooks, tissues, paper towels, hand sanitizer, crayons, colored pencils, and flash drives. Please drop off your donations in the designated bins in the Parish House by Monday, August 19. Help a child start the school year right!

GALA ORGAN CONCERTS
THIS FALL
Rebecca Davy, Music Director

There are still some free passes available!
Because of the anticipated number of people we expect will want to attend the opening event, passes are highly recommended. If you plan to attend, please make a reservation before that date. To insure capacity seating, all passes will become void 15 minutes before the start of each concert, allowing those in line to be seated in any of the remaining spaces.

If you would like to attend one of two identical concerts, please contact Hilary Cooley at (757) 345-2252 or hcooley@brutonparish.org to reserve your free passes (which will be available for pick-up here in the Parish House beginning Monday, August 19).

Gala Inaugural Concerts
Saturday, September 7 at 8:00 p.m.
or
Sunday, September 8 at 5:30 p.m.
Gordon Stewart, Organist

Gordon Stewart is resident concert organist at Huddersfield Town Hall in England. An accomplished player, conductor, teacher, and former cathedral organist, Stewart is known as an engaging performer, always delighting audiences throughout a career that has spanned over 25 years.

No passes are needed for the following three weekends, with seating beginning 30 minutes before each event.

Choral Evensong
Sunday, September 15 at 5:30 p.m.
Bruton Choirs and Tarpley Ringers
Rebecca Davy, Director & JanEl Will, Organist

Two premieres of an anthem by Philip Stopford will be offered along with a handbell and organ work by Sondra Tucker.

Organ & Instruments
Saturday, September 21 at 8:00 p.m.
JanEl Will & Rebecca Davy with other instrumentalists. Details will follow, with music from the past and present to be included.

New Music for a New Organ
Saturday, September 28 at 8:00 p.m.
Dr. JanEl Will & Rebecca Davy, Organists
Premieres premieres of music by Dan Locklair, Cecilia McDowall, Aaron David Miller and Tom Trenney will be featured.
**Silver Polishing Party**
Marty Jones

Join us at the Parish House on **Thursday, August 1**, at 10am for a silver polishing marathon of the beautiful silver we use for receptions. Please consider inviting a friend not already on our list (many hands make light work) and please bring your favorite silver polish and polishing cloth. I will attempt to use an old tried and true dipping method for the big pieces, which includes heavy aluminum foil, arm & hammer washing soda, and very hot water in a stainless steel sink. Coffee and fellowship!

**First Fridays Recovery Eucharist**

First Fridays will be held on **August 2 at 5:30pm in the church.** SpiritWorks Foundation and Bruton host this monthly service with prayers and readings that focus on helping people find ways to live faithfully in the midst of any kind of suffering, especially addiction, codependence, mental illness, and trauma. Tears are welcome, joy is celebrated, and all are embraced exactly as they are. During the service participants may light candles and write prayer requests. Join us as we pray for those still struggling, mourn those we’ve lost, and celebrate with those experiencing recovery. All are welcome, whether or not you’re in recovery.

**Women’s Theological Book Group**

The Women’s Theological Book Group will meet on **Thursday, September 5**, from 1-2:30pm in Room 206 of the Parish House. We will be reading Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water and Loving the Bible Again by Rachel Held Evans. All women are invited to join us. Please contact the Rev’d Lauren McDonald at (757) 229-2891 or lmcdonald@brutonparish.org.

**The Grapevine Summer Issue**

The Summer 2019 edition of The Grapevine, the newsletter of the diocesan ECW, is now available on our diocesan website at [www.diosova.org/ecw/article289498c7387046.htm](http://www.diosova.org/ecw/article289498c7387046.htm).

The Grapevine is a quarterly print-ready newsletter. You can sign up to receive The Grapevine by entering your email in the “Sign up to receive news” box at www.diosova.org.

If you have news you would like included in The Grapevine, please contact Vicky Koch directly at vkoch@stpaulsnorfolk.org.

**Bruton Singles**
Heidi Elam, Donna Dodenhoff, Eda Martin and Sandy Lenthall

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 (if necessary) and contact the listed coordinator.

**Save the Date! Women to Women Fall Coffee**
Melinda Morgan

All women of Bruton are invited on **Wednesday, September 25**, to the Parish House from 10am to noon for fellowship and a presentation about local needs in our community. Reconnect with friends after the summer, welcome newcomers among us, and learn about unmet needs in our community from those working on the front lines. Join us to kick off an exciting new program year! This event is sponsored by the Bruton Chapter of the ECW (Episcopal Church Women). If you have any questions, please contact Melinda Morgan at brutonwomen@brutonparish.org.
MISSION & OUTREACH
GRANT REQUESTS
Isabel Burch, Chair

The Mission and Outreach Committee explores the material and spiritual needs of our local, regional, national, and international community. We welcome grant requests from organizations working to meet those needs.

After a careful evaluation process, the committee awards grants to a diverse group of projects and organizations that have applied for assistance and need financial support consistent with our mission.

Grant request applications are being accepted until Tuesday, September 3; grant awards will be made in December. Please direct all interested individuals and organizations to our application link found on the Bruton Parish website in the Mission and Outreach section under Our Ministries or visit bit.ly/BPCGRANTS2019 directly.

If you have questions regarding this grant process, please call Isabel Burch at (757) 253-0074 or email missionandoutreach@brutonparish.org.

FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE
Ed Emery, Nancy Nelson, Marty Easton

We often receive gifts of appreciated securities held for more than one year. These come via direct transfer to our brokerage account with Fidelity Investments. Gifting stock can serve as a means of pledge payment and may have other benefits to you. Please note that effective July 3, our Fidelity Investments account number has changed. The new number is below.

To make an electronic transfer, give your broker the following information for our brokerage account, along with the type and number of shares you would like to transfer.

Fidelity Investments DTC #0226
Bruton Parish Episcopal Church
Account # X907-66745

Please let us know to expect your transfer. You can either email measto@brutonparish.org or call 757-345-2256. Thank you for considering this option with the guidance of your tax advisor.

WEDNESDAYS BROWN-BAG
BIBLE STUDY

Bring lunch on Wednesdays at noon to the Coffee, Tea & Thee room upstairs in the Parish House. 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.

WOMEN UNDER FORTYISH

The group will be meeting on Sunday, August 11, at 1pm for tea and scones and a light lunch at the home of Kate McClain. Please RSVP to the Rev’d Lauren McDonald at lmcdonald@brutonparish.org so we can get a head count. We'll be talking about sacred travel — where we find God on vacation.

JUNIOR WARDEN’S CORNER
Ron Hurst

After years of planning and fundraising followed by months of demolition, disruption, and construction, the finish line for the Dobson organ project is in sight! The complex and delicate business of voicing the pipes, which was ongoing through much of the spring and early summer, should be finished in August. Final painting and a few other refinements are in progress as well. The Dobson team will have a completion date for us soon. Stay tuned!

The new audio system in the church has been in use for several weeks now, and while a few details remain to be ironed out, the sound system is working well. A new hearing impairment loop system is also in place, and we continue to work with the supplier on refinements to its operation.

In the churchyard, the new burial ground in the northwest corner is finished and already in use. Grass has been planted and benches have been placed on the brick pavement. Additionally, we expect to begin the work of replacing the south gate later this summer. We will follow the intricate design of the current gate, but the new model will be fashioned from South American acoya wood, which has an uncommonly high degree of rot resistance. Once painted, the acoya will blend well with its surroundings despite its exotic origin.

At the Parish House, the roof has been reconfigured where it intersects with St. Mary's Chapel in order to direct water away from the structure and prevent the issues with the rot and paint failure that have plagued this part of the building for many years. A small window was removed from the back hall in the process since it was a source of moisture intrusion. The Bruton Builders, who recently repaired the porch railings at the Parish House, will paint the woodwork in the back hall in the weeks to come.

Finally, we owe a debt of gratitude to many in the Bruton Parish family for their efforts on these and other projects. Parishioners and staff members alike have put hundreds of hours into these and other projects that simply would not get done without their time, talent and dedication.

KITCHEN CLEANING COMMENCES

All are invited to join us Monday, August 12, beginning at 9am to help clean and organize the parish kitchen in anticipation of a new programming year of hospitality for our parish events. Please contact Leslie Coe at (757) 870-7501 and let her know you’ll be there!
This year the UTO Board received 75 applications and were able to fund 33 grants. The focus of the UTO granting process was: “Go: Crossing boundaries created by race, culture, and economics to create communities that listen deeply and learn to live like Jesus.”

In July’s Chronicle you were introduced to the Young Adult and Seminarian Grant Awards. This month, read about the five projects funded by the Anglican Communion.

Jerusalem and the Middle East, Improve Education by Introducing a New, Unified, Interactive Teaching Methodology at Educational Institutions, $80,000

This project aims at crossing boundaries by improving the quality of education of Christian and Muslim students, and by adopting active learning techniques based on a creative and interactive teaching methodology. It will raise students’ self-learning and creative thinking while connecting students throughout the Middle East and beyond.

Kenya, Diocese of Mumias, ACK Ebenezer Street Children’s Rehabilitation Center, $89,145

ACK Ebenezer Street Children Rehabilitation program is an urgent intervention in Mumias Diocese. We envision holistic transformation of destitute children in deplorable conditions. We will offer education, pastoral care, skills training and psychosocial support. We are seeking funding for constructing the facility.

Pakistan, Diocese of Raiwind, Community Health and Training Project, $65,383

Christians are the minority in Pakistan and face discrimination, harassment, violence and challenges in education and employment. 80% of Diocesan parishes are situated in slums and rural areas, parishioners live in shabby, muddy houses. They are deprived of basic needs of water and sanitation. This project will cross the social and economic barriers a lack of access to clean water and sanitation causes our small Christian communities by building bathrooms for community use and health education programs to empower women to make better choices to support the health and development of their families to overcome poverty and marginalization.


A new technology education program will be started which will provide ICT training and computers to disadvantaged South African students. With these resources and cooperation with two historically advantaged Anglican schools, students will be able to access information, opportunities and resources otherwise denied to them by their race and socio-economic background.

Spain Cafei Cabrera at El Buen Samartan, $98,000

The Good Samaritan is a beloved parable about the need to cross boundaries. By creating the Good Samaritan Center, we will be able to welcome people in their recovery process or while on pilgrimage and bring them into relationship with Anglicans/Spaniards, to form one community of love and care.

In February, 2020, Bruton’s next Winter Shelter Week will be held. Please mark your calendars for Bruton’s next Winter Shelter Week from February 9-16, 2020. Watch for more information over the coming months and please volunteer!

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 wishing to have prayers said for them or for others should fill out a blue request card in the church tower and drop it in the DOK prayer box. This month’s prayer is offered by Faith Croker:

O God, whose grace is sufficient for all our needs; Lift us up without fear all the days of our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Cycling Without Age Williamsburg

The Williamsburg Chapter of Cycling Without Age is a joint project of the Williamsburg Area Bicyclists, a local recreational bicycle club and BikeWalk Williamsburg, a local cycling and walking advocacy organization. Founded in February, 2018 they are currently working with five local Continuing Care Retirement Communities in the Williamsburg Area.

The Williamsburg Area Bicyclists are offering 20-minute trishaw rides for seniors from 10am-1pm on Mondays, starting/ending at the Bruton Parish Gift Shop. When you arrive for your ride, you should park on the Duke of Gloucester Street in front of the Bruton Parish Gift Shop. At that time, you will be required to sign a release and liability waiver before your ride.

If you’re a senior unable to bike anymore, please contact Christine Britton by the Friday before your ride at cbritton@brutonparish.org for more information and to schedule your ride!
**Gift Shop Jumble Sale**  
Lynn Karlisch

July was a busy month for all of us in your gift shop! The Fourth of July weekend brought many visitors from across the country to enjoy the holiday in Colonial Williamsburg. While here, they were able to shop at our Pre-owned Jewelry Sale which was very successful thanks to the hard work of Joan Gorczyk, Caroline Hoffman, and Marilyn Aungst. Proceeds of $2580 from the sale directly benefit Mission and Outreach.

Our managers, Diane Koun and Pam Michael, spent four days at the Atlanta Gift Mart. They are experts at navigating this enormous space and finding the best merchandise for the shop. We look forward to seeing the stylish and beautiful items they have found for us. Fall and holiday merchandise will be arriving soon.

Remember to mark your calendars for our new and exciting "Jumble Sale" which will be held in the Parish Hall **Columbus Day Weekend, October 11-13.**

We can accept: Toys, jewelry, paintings (prints and frames), furniture (no larger than will fit in a van), boutique (collectibles), art and antiques, primitives, housewares, and small appliances in working condition.

We cannot accept: Books, records, games, clothing, TVs, pots, stuffed animals, upholstered furniture (exception: ie. side chair with upholstered seat).

**Merchandise will be accepted in the Parish Hall on the following dates between 11am-1pm:** August 14, 21, 22; September 11, 12, 18, 24, 27; and October 2 & 4. If you need to make donations sooner, please contact Joan Gorczyk at (757) 259-2022 or Caroline Hoffman at (757) 208-0285.

This new parish-wide event, sponsored by the Gift Shop, will directly benefit Mission and Outreach. Help us make the sale a huge success by donating, volunteering, and coming to SHOP! To volunteer, call Joan or Carolyn or sign up at the Shop. **JOIN THE FUN!**

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**Diocesan Bishop Search, Election & Consecration:**  
**Information & Dates to Save**  
Martie Easton

As the search and transition process for the next bishop continues, please see the key dates below, and visit [www.svabishopsearch.org](http://www.svabishopsearch.org) for the latest information.

**Walkabouts**

Walkabouts are open public forums with the candidates, giving lay people and clergy opportunity to meet and hear from them. Walkabouts have been scheduled at four locations:

- **Thursday, September 5 at 7pm**
  Hungars Parish, Eastern Shore  
  10107 Bayside Road, Machipongo
- **Friday, September 6 at 7pm**
  Galilee, Virginia Beach  
  3928 Pacific Avenue, Virginia Beach  
  (Available live and on-demand on the diocesan website)
- **Saturday, September 7 at 1pm**
  Chanco on the James  
  394 Floods Drive, Spring Grove
- **Sunday, September 8 at 3pm**
  Johns Memorial, Farmville  
  400 High Street, Farmville

**The Candidates**

The Petition Process was open from June 21- July 5. During that period, The Standing Committee did receive Petitions in a timely manner. Several procedures are now underway, such as background checks and other evaluations. Upon completion of these procedures, and pending Standing Committee approval in early August, a revised slate will be announced.

**The Election**

Election of the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Virginia will take place Saturday, September 21, 2019 at Dinwiddie High School. Bruton Parish will send six previously-elected delegates to this special council.

**Consecration of the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Virginia**

- **Saturday, February 1, 2020**
  St. Bede Catholic Church  
  3686 Ironbound Road, Williamsburg
  11:00 am with reception following in Kaplan Parish Hall

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, presiding

Parking information to follow

(Available live and on-demand on the diocesan website)
CANTERBURY ASSOCIATION: OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

The Rev’d Dr. Dan McClain

Clip the form below and return it to our College Chaplain, the Rev’d Dan McClain, at the parish office. For more information on how you can volunteer to help the program throughout the coming semester, please contact Dan at chaplain@brutonparish.org or 757-345-2255.

Please check the events/ministries for which you would like to volunteer. You can also visit bit.ly/ECWMVolunteers19 online and sign-up there!

Name: ________________________________________
Email: ________________________________________
Phone: ________________________________________

Committees & Programs

- Gala Committee 2020
- Adopt-A-Canterburian
- Sunday Meal Ministry

Feasts/ Banquets/ Meals

- Welcome Brunch
  Sunday, August 25 at 10am
- Homecoming Reception
  Saturday, October 18 at 6pm
- Thanksgiving Feast
  Sunday, November 24 at 6:30pm
- Holiday Cookies & Cocoa
  Tuesday, December 3 at 6pm
- Easter Vigil Party
  Sunday, April 12 at 6:30pm
- End of Year Banquet
  Tuesday, May 26 at 6:30pm

OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT

Gala Committee 2020 is an opportunity to get involved in the planning and implementation of the spring Gala. We try to plan this large event in the fall term. Many hands make light work. The more the merrier.

Adopt-a-Canterburian is an opportunity to "adopt" a student for the course of one academic year. Parishioners are expected to connect with their "adopted" students at least once during each semester and to prepare a goodie-bag for them during exams.

Sunday Meal Ministry is an opportunity to prepare a meal for 15-25 students in the Bruton Parish House following the 5:30pm Sunday service. Volunteers prepare a meal and sit down to eat with the students!

FEASTS/ BANQUETS/ MEALS

Welcome Brunch is the first event of the academic year following the "Welcome Service" in Wren Chapel. Parishioners prepare a host of brunch goodies for roughly 30 students. Cooking, serving, and cleaning-up volunteers needed!

Homecoming Reception: Beginning in 2018, we began to host a reception for current students, alumni/ae of Canterbury, and supporters of Canterbury on the Friday night of Homecoming (this year, Oct. 18). Volunteer to assist with set up and tear down, to receive the catering, to assist at the bar, and to welcome guests at the sign-in table.

Thanksgiving Feast is co-hosted by the Children & Youth Program and is a parish-wide event on the Sunday before the W&M Thanksgiving Break. Cooking, serving, and cleaning-up volunteers needed!

Holiday Cookies & Cocoa is a short event following the final Tuesday service of the fall term. Students gather together in Wren Chapel to sing Holiday Hymns and then enjoy cookies/baked goods and hot drinks (cider/cocoa/etc.) in the Wren Building. Cookie bakers, serving, and cleaning-up volunteers needed!

Easter Vigil Party: Following the Easter Vigil service at Bruton on Saturday, April 11, all parishioners are invited to gather in the Parish Hall to celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord and the beginning of the Easter season. We need volunteers to plan this event with Canterbury’s Fellowship and Hospitality Committee, to bring food and drink, and to help set up and clean up afterward.

CANTERBURY’S OPENING EUCHARIST & WELCOME BRUNCH

Canterbury’s Opening Eucharist will be held Sunday, August 25, at 9am in William & Mary’s Wren Chapel followed by a Welcome Brunch in Lewis Hall in the Parish House at 10am. Volunteer to help welcome the first-year students and our returning Canterburians. Help make these students feel comfortable in their Bruton Parish home! If you’d like to volunteer, please contact Johanna Thompson (email welcomebrunch@brutonparish.org or call at 757-564-5490).
The annual sale has become a great Williamsburg tradition, and proceeds this year will go to our Youth Mission and Pilgrimage Fund. The sale will take place during the Labor Day weekend, and the time is at hand to begin collecting donations to support the sale! Please donate books, CDs, DVDs and puzzles, and bring your donations to the Parish House. If you can't bring your donations here, please call the church office or email booksale@brutonparish.org for pick-up. Please, no encyclopedias, VCR tapes or cassette tapes.

We will need many volunteers, not only to help pick up book donations, but to help set-up, staff the sale, and clean up afterwards! If you can help in any way, please visit bit.ly/booksale2019 and sign up online!

**Reception Desk Volunteers**
Kitty Burgwyn

We'd like to thank Kathryn Smith for her years of coordinating the receptionists at the front desk of the church office. She is now focusing on the Ribbon Cross Ministry which makes ribbon crosses that are sold in our Gift Shop to benefit mission and outreach. We are always in need of more help in the Parish House office reception desk. If anyone is interested in volunteering in the morning or afternoon to answer phones and help out in the office, please contact Kitty Burgwyn at (757) 912-4904.

**Usher Ministry & Greeter Ministry Need You**

We are in desperate need of one new usher at both the 7:30am and 11:15am services. Please contact Ginny and Bill Dugge by email at ushers@brutonparish.org to volunteer.

The Greeter Ministry, particularly during the 7:30am service, needs a few more greeters. It only takes five to ten minutes of your time to greet visiting guests or to say a pleasant good morning to the 7:30am regulars. Please contact Terry McGuirk at (757) 220-6708 to volunteer.

**Annual Parish Book Sale**
Bruton Parish Youth

The annual sale has become a great Williamsburg tradition, and proceeds this year will go to our Youth Mission and Pilgrimage Fund. The sale will take place during the Labor Day weekend, and the time is at hand to begin collecting donations to support the sale! Please donate books, CDs, DVDs and puzzles, and bring your donations to the Parish House. If you can't bring your donations here, please call the church office or email booksale@brutonparish.org for pick-up. Please, no encyclopedias, VCR tapes or cassette tapes.

We will need many volunteers, not only to help pick up book donations, but to help set-up, staff the sale, and clean up afterwards! If you can help in any way, please visit bit.ly/booksale2019 and sign up online!

**Hours of the Book Sale**
Parish Preview: Thursday, August 29
3pm - 6pm

Friday & Saturday, August 30 & 31
9am to 5pm

Sunday, September 1
10am - 3pm

**Bruton Fall Series**

**Pilgrimages: Medieval & Contemporary**

The past two decades have seen a revival of pilgrimages to medieval sites. As described in the William & Mary Institute of Pilgrimage Studies literature, pilgrimage is a universally human experience that by nature is very personal. People go to a place that is meaningful to them and affirm their values by going there. Every religion has some sort of traveling spiritual experience. It is a global phenomenon.

"The pilgrimage trails are multipurpose. People heal. People bond. People meet other people and tell their stories. Pilgrims will listen and understand." In the words of the Institute's Founder: "A pilgrimage is not a panacea or simple answer to all problems, but it does show a way of hope and physical, spiritual and intellectual rejuvenation. Pilgrimage is a cultural universal, a longing for transcendence, a willingness to leave home to find one's center. Those who study and lead pilgrimages can be peace builders in a troubled world."

The series will be preceded with refreshments at 6:30pm. The talks, beginning at 7pm, will typically last an hour and are followed by a question and answer period. We advertise the series to the larger community and hope to have excellent attendance.

**Thursday, September 19**
Pilgrimages to The Holy Land
Bruton Parish Clergy, Father Chris Epperson and the Rev'd Lauren McDonald, will share their pilgrimage experiences in the Holy Land.

**Thursday, September 26**
Pilgrimages: Medieval and Contemporary
Medieval Pilgrimage: "The Canterbury Tales" John Conlee, Emeritus Professor of Medieval Literature at W&M, will discuss Geoffrey Chaucer's "The Canterbury Tales."

**Thursday, October 3**
Modern-Day Pilgrimage: Camino de Santiago, Spain
George Greenia, W&M Emeritus Professor of Modern Languages and Founder of W&M Institute of Pilgrimage Studies. Dr. Greenia will be joined by Sandy Lenthal, a pilgrim who will share her experiences walking The Way seven times. Coincidentally, Dr. Greenia was just awarded the 2019 prestigious International Prize Grupo Compostela-Xunta de Galicia, which promotes cultural traditions and values. Previous honorees include Vaclav Havel and Carla del Ponte.

**Thursday, October 10**
Buddhist & Hindu Pilgrimages
Professors Kevin Vose and Mark McLaughlin of W&M’s Department of Religious Studies will lecture on their pilgrimages to Buddhist and Hindu sites.

**Tuesday, October 15**
Pilgrimages to The Holy Land
The Rt. Rev’d James Magness, Interim Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, will share his pilgrimage experiences.
Children & Youth Formation
The Rev’d Josh Stephens & Meghan Brewer

All Sundays in August
Formation for both children and youth will resume in September, following the Labor Day holiday. Please watch for more information about plans for this Fall!

Vacation Bible School
It is St. Martin’s year to host Vacation Bible School for the three Episcopal churches in Williamsburg! It will be held from August 5-9 from 9am to noon for 3-year-olds through 5th graders. The younger children of VBS workers will be welcome in the nursery and any youth 12 and older will be welcome to help teach, guide or help in any way during VBS.

This year’s theme is Who is my Neighbor? based on Mr. Roger’s Neighborhood TV show. Appropriating his wisdom and use of inclusiveness within his show, the idea is to help our attendees to see God in everyone and to follow “The Golden Rule”. This also allows us to do some hospitality and much needed community outreach in conjunction with VBS. Planning has begun and people with dynamite creative minds and mad organization skills and super powers regarding what gets kids’ attention are needed!

The cost is $25 for the first child; $20 for each additional child; $60 max. There are two ways to register! The Registration Form is available on our website, so that you can print it, complete, and mail to St. Martin’s. You can stop by and pick up a copy at the Parish House. Registration this year is also available online via St. Martin’s website or visit bit.ly/2019VBS-STMARTINS directly.

Many youth and adult volunteers are needed also. Please use the above link to volunteer at VBS!

Chanco Senior Week
August 13 - 16
Don’t miss this awesome week-long session that will include traditional Camp Chanco activities such as the rock wall, zip lines, Superman Swing, paddle boarding, swimming, sailing, campfires and more! In addition to these fun camp activities, there will be small group discussions, programs and worship similar to your favorite EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) retreat events.

This week is competitively priced at an awesome low rate of just $525 for the week including all meals and activities. This is the perfect session for our older campers and our EYC friends who may never have attended Camp Chanco before. With this low-priced session just for teens, you won’t want to wait to register for Session Five!

Visit www.chanco.org today! Questions? Contact them by email at hospitality@chanco.org or call 888-7CHANCO (888-724-2626).

Youth Mission Trip 2019
Quoted from The Rev’d Josh Stephens’ Facebook postings from July 7 & 8

“We had quite a first day of travel, beginning with meeting at the Richmond Airport at 6am. We had not made it to Albuquerque, much less to Navajoland, due to weather delays. They re-routed us through Dallas-Fort Worth. I knew our pilgrimage was on when we gathered in a hotel room for pizza and to say Evening Prayer together. Exhausted from so much travel, we just managed to get the words out even while nodding off. Tomorrow, we get up at 4:30am to catch a shuttle and fly to Albuquerque. By God’s grace we might just get there yet!

We got delayed leaving RVA and then re-routed. We are headed from Chicago to DFW now (July 8). We'll be staying in Dallas tonight due to flight availability. Everyone is being super great and very positive.

We have arrived at the Episcopal Church in Navajoland! After leaving Dallas-Fort Worth by flight at 7am, we drove three hours from Albuquerque to Farmington, New Mexico. This afternoon, we got settled a bit and then got to work planning the week. In the past, I have organized our life in Christian community by putting people in groups for kitchen work and clean up and leading the Daily Office. This time, all of that got assigned to different groups of high schoolers. Robbie suggested we use our sleeping rooms as work rooms and so we had those groups divide up kitchen work, kid pick up, Daily Office officiating and reading, enacting stories to children for VBS, art projects, and shopping. I have never seen these students take so much ownership over ministry before so I’m hopeful this is a sign of things to come.

They are exploring the awesome landscape around the Mission here now. Also, five of us chaperones have been in the same clothes since we left due to the airlines not passing on our baggage as they changed our flights but we just got word that it’s all coming! Hopefully it shows up.

Our high school pilgrimage to Navajoland has officially begun! We are grateful to Bruton Parish for sending us on this adventure in the Kingdom of God. We got through security without losing anyone, and one of us managed to smuggle a large amount of candy through. Keep us in your prayers and stay tuned!

Our first day with the Diné is coming to a close! We said evening prayer and sang, ‘Now sunset comes but light shines forth. The lamps are lit to pierce the night.’ Tomorrow the real fun begins.”

You can follow along on the mission trip by visiting the Bruton Parish Youth Ministry’s facebook page at www.facebook.com/brutonparishyouth!
**THE 1715 SOCIETY DINNER**

Marty Easton

For the third year in a row, the 1715 Society gathered for fellowship with a dinner and music on May 30. The evening was hosted by the Board of Directors of the Bruton Parish Church Foundation (Ken Johnston, Foundation President is pictured to the right).

Outside of Lewis Hall, a new recognition plaque had just been installed, listing the names of members of the Society. Michelle and Bill Brauer made creation of the plaque possible with a thoughtful gift to cover its cost.

The design of the plaque allows the list to be amended by removal and reprint of the film sheet. This is good because we already have new names to add. Griff Steel and Howard Smith (pictured below to the left, respectively) were both introduced at the dinner as new members.

Briefly defined, the 1715 Society is our legacy society, whose members have informed us that Bruton Parish is named in their estate plan. Most commonly this takes the form of a bequest in a will or trust. The Bruton Parish Church Foundation, Inc. is the exact recipient of these gifts. At a certain amount, named funds may be established. Memorial gifts are also directed here.

Assets received are placed in the Diocesan Composite Fund, a pooled investment fund established in 1950, which operates as a professionally managed, long-term investment vehicle for parishes and missions in the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia. Bruton Parish draws yearly income, a percentage defined by the Foundation’s spending policy.

Whether your ties to Bruton Parish run deep or you have only recently come to the parish, we would love to have you as a member of the 1715 Society. For simple language to give to your attorney, please pick up a Planned Giving brochure in the reception area or email me at measton@brutonparish.org. For a conversation, please phone (757) 345-2256, and we can arrange to sit down together and discuss your wishes. Thank you!
Candlelight Concerts, Parish House Music Series, and Historical Organ Recitals for the Parish & Community

Concerts are held in the church at 8pm unless otherwise noted. Doors open at 7:30pm, no ticket required (a freewill offering will be gratefully received).

Saturday, August 3
Continuo Organ & Harpsichord Recital
Dr. JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

Tuesday, August 6
Continuo Organ & Harpsichord Recital
Rebecca Davy, Music Director at Bruton Parish

Saturday, August 10
Continuo Organ & Harpsichord Recital
Rebecca Davy, Organist at Bruton Parish

Tuesday, August 13
Continuo Organ & Harpsichord Recital
Dr. JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

Saturday, August 17
Continuo Organ & Harpsichord Recital
Dr. JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

Tuesday, August 20
Oboe, Flute, Continuo Organ & Harpsichord Recital
George Pavelis, Oboist, Christine Ertell, Flutist & Cheryl van Ornam, Organist from Redeemer Lutheran Church in Richmond, Virginia

Saturday, August 24
Organ Recital
Dr. John Lowe, Organist from Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Gainesville, Florida

Tuesday, August 27
Flute, Bassoon & Harpsichord Recital
Suzanne Daniel, Flutist & Bassoonist from Newport News, Virginia
Rebecca Davy, Harpsichordist

Saturday, August 31 @ 8:00 pm
Organ Recital
Stephen Henley, Jr., Organist at Bon Air Presbyterian Church in Richmond, Virginia

Historical Organ Recitals
The College of William & Mary’s Wren Chapel
Saturdays @ 10am
August 3 - Thomas Marshall
August 10, 17, 24 & 31 - Rebecca Davy

Dobson Pipe Organ Dedication
Rebecca Davy
Bruton’s new organ is nearing completion! As of this writing on July 17, we await two finishing details. First, the decorative carvings for the case have yet to be completed but are due to arrive soon. Second, one rank (set of pipes) has been reordered to better suit our sanctuary’s acoustics, and when the remaining replacement parts are here, two of Dobson’s voicer/technicians will return to tonally finish that final rank. In the upcoming weeks I will be practicing on the organ to insure that everything is functioning properly, and painters will finish the organ box and gallery railings.

The first official playing of the organ will take place in the last weekend of August. John Lowe, from Gainesville, Florida, will perform the evening Candlelight Concert on Saturday, August 24, and we will formally dedicate and play the organ in morning worship services on Sunday, August 25.

Presiding Bishop issues video message on immigration: “Who is my neighbor?”

Episcopal Church Office of Public Affairs

“There is a humanitarian crisis at the southern border of the United States,” Presiding Bishop Michael Curry said in a message recently released. “It is a crisis that we as a nation, that we as a global community, must face and find a way forward for the sake of our brothers and our sisters, for the sake of us all.”

“Deeply embedded in the Christian faith, indeed deeply embedded in the Jewish tradition, which is the mother of the Christian faith, and deeply embedded in the faith and traditions and values of many of the world’s great religions, is a profound conviction in a sure and certain value and virtue that care for the stranger, the alien, the visitor, is a sacred duty, a sacred vow.”

“Show compassion. Show mercy. Help the neighbor. Help the stranger. Love the Lord your God. And love your neighbor as yourself.” The entire video message can be found at bit.ly/CURRYNEIGHBORVIDEO (text is available also).

Singers needed for massed choir for Consecration Service

Calling singers from across the Diocese to join the massed choir that will provide music for the Consecration of the next Bishop of Southern Virginia. The Consecration service is set for Saturday, February 1, 2020 (12 or 1pm, approximately) at St. Bede Catholic Church in Williamsburg. All singers must attend one rehearsal in January 2020, as well as the morning rehearsal before the service. Exact rehearsal times and locations will be announced in the fall.
SPIRITWORKS LEMONADE FUNDRAISER

The Rev’d Lauren McDonald

For the second year, SpiritWorks Foundation hosted a fundraiser on the Fourth of July in the Parish Hall featuring homemade lemonade, baked goods, and air conditioning. Bruton parishioners and SpiritWorks community members donated water and served as bakers and volunteers on the day of the event. We raised a little over $1,000 to benefit addiction recovery as well as providing refreshment and hospitality to our guests. A big thank you to all who assisted, to all who stopped by to purchase lemonade and snacks, and to the Parish Gift Shop volunteers who directed customers our way. Even the thunderstorm that canceled the fireworks couldn’t dampen our spirits as we celebrated Independence Day and the joy of recovery.

Pictured, top right: Jordan Levy, Ethan Tooby, Leigh Ann Thibeau, Mallory Wade and Daniel Levy

Bottom center: June Tooby, April Swe, Jordan Swe, Ethan Tooby and Rev’d Lauren McDonald

Article submissions are due the 10th of each month and may be edited for length/content.