



BRUTON PARISH CHURCH

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Dear Friends,

We are grateful for 331 pledges for 2017 submitted thus far. When you give to Bruton Parish Church, you make possible God's work within and beyond our walls. Please read on for some expressions of thanks from visitors, students, and neighbors.

"The church is wonderfully maintained and the parish members welcoming. The cemetery is fascinating. Try to attend a choral or instrumental event there if you can. A must-see for those interested in history and/or religion. A treasure of the colonial city."

Harold S., October 2016

"We were lucky enough to be in the noon service on a weekday. Afterwards we were given a lesson on the history of the church. We loved it so much we went to their 7:30 am Sunday service. Everyone is so welcoming and kind; thank you Bruton Parish."

Susan W., September 2016

"The Canterbury Association is unexpectedly an important part of my first semester. Canterburians distill the quirky, welcoming essence of William & Mary. Worshiping in the church and Wren Chapel is unbeatable, and Bruton Parish expresses genuine interest in each member of Canterbury. A vibrant, historic faith community for students."

Ben Christenson, W&M '20

"I did not intend to become Episcopalian, even after becoming enamored by Bruton Parish Church and falling for the co-chaplain (a puppy named Willie). However, God gave me a more profound understanding of what it means to be Christian through Canterbury's seven-week confirmation class, and I was confirmed at Bruton Parish in the spring of my senior year at William and Mary."

Natalie Sheffield, W&M '16

"Bruton Parish has supported Community Faith Mission (COFM) from inception. Your passionate, committed volunteers show their kind spirit to shelter guests. Your monetary support allows us to operate the only emergency winter shelter in the area for men, women and families, serve 100+ annually, and fund the vital Shelter Manager position. Bruton Parish's gifts to COFM have real impact; we are so grateful."

Kathy Banfield, President, Community of Faith Mission

"Bruton Parish's help was the answer to my prayers. When my daughter Markisha was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, it was a difficult time. Then I found out we were going to have a house built through Habitat for Humanity with Bruton Parish. Now we are blessed with this nice home, with a bedroom and handicapped bathroom for Markisha. Later, Bruton Parish built an entrance ramp. I can't put into words how much it means."

Pam Smith, Williamsburg

"At Williamsburg Area Faith in Action, our care receivers depend on us. We serve them using computers-- all day, every day. A grant from Bruton Parish made possible the purchase of new computers and printers, to access our database, communicate by email, attract volunteers and cultivate ongoing supporting relationships. Williamsburg Area Faith in Action is very grateful."

Rita B. Smith, Executive Director, Williamsburg Area Faith in Action

"Through FISH, the Bruton Parish family helps feed and clothe our neighbors in Greater Williamsburg. The Mission and Outreach committee has given substantial monetary grants towards our operation; the most recent was \$5,000 last month. Individuals donate clothing, blankets, food and help. So as a 100% volunteer non-profit, FISH is supported on many levels by Bruton Parish. Thank you!"

Mary Kafes, Volunteer, FISH

The Mission and Outreach Committee made 26 grants this year for \$105,500, thanks in part to increased parish giving. A maintenance reserve fund has been established with \$88,000. This is what you have made possible in 2016. Help the Campaign finish successfully by making your 2017 annual pledge today.

Your annual gift keeps Bruton Parish strong for parishioners at every stage of life and many others. Thank you for your enthusiasm in embracing the Campaign. The committee wishes a blessed Advent and holy Christmas season to all.



The Rev'd Chris Epperson, Rector

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