

Customs and Courtesies  
When Visiting  
Bruton Parish Episcopal Church

Bruton Parish Church is an active parish located in the Historic Area. The original frame church and yard were in use by 1634. The 1715 brick church, still in use today, served as an integral part of 18<sup>th</sup> century life in the Capital city of Williamsburg. Although not a part of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, the church opens its doors regularly to guests and tours. Church members volunteer as guides to provide a historical interpretation of the building. The following information is provided to assist with a visit to the church.

- The church and churchyard are open to visitors and tour groups Monday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
  - Monday – Saturday the church holds a noon day prayer service. Visitors are welcome to participate in this service as well as Holy Eucharist on Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.
  - Church hours may vary due to funerals, weddings and other church functions.
- A donation of \$1 per person is appreciated.
- Entrance to the grassed areas of the churchyard is granted only by Bruton Parish Church Guides.
- Groups are expected to remain in the bricked areas of the churchyard until their leaders have signed in with the tower guide.
- For safety and preservation, please do not allow visitors to sit or climb on monuments or tombstones.
- Please enter the church with reverence. Men and boys are asked to remove their hats.
- Shoes and shirts must be worn inside the church.
- No drinks, food, smoking, gum or pets are permitted inside the church.
- Toy weapons must be left in the tower for the safety of others and the historic building.
- Photographs are permitted during visitation, but not during services or concerts.
- Personal pagers, two-way radios and cell phones should be turned to vibrate or off in the church.
- The church invites visitors to join them for worship. Groups are asked to notify the Parish House (757 229-2891) or church if they plan to attend a Sunday service.

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