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"SHHHH, IT IS ADVENT"

The Rev'd Christopher L. Epperson

A few years ago, the Episcopal Church introduced a theme for the season of Advent, "Shhhh, It is Advent." The idea being that Advent should be a season of quiet contemplation of the Incarnation, God taking on human flesh in Jesus. Incarnation is an important part of our faith. Incarnation is the embodiment of God's embrace and redemption of us. Reflection upon this great mystery is warranted.

Let's face it, the weeks prior to Christmas are anything but quiet and contemplative. There is so much to be done. Insert your own identified tasks. We should do many things. Perhaps a better focus would be what we are able to realistically do to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ child.

Some individuals are gifted in the contemplative arena. Some can sit for hours, quietly listening for a word from God. But, for most of us, that is not true. Most of us, however, can do something small. We could begin the day by saying aloud or to ourselves, "God loves me." We could repeat the phrase three times upon waking before rising. No one has to know what you are doing! Simply repeat the phrase with intentionality. Repeat the process lying down to sleep at night. If you are feeling ambitious, stop at midday to do the same.

You will be surprised at the small changes and awarenesses that you experience through this small practice. You might view God differently. You might view yourself differently. You might see others differently.

Sure, "Shhhh, It is Advent." I get it. I invite you to explore what you are able to practice as we await the ultimate surprise, the depth of God's love for us.

Christmas Eve
Monday, December 24

Childrens' Pageant & Holy Eucharist @ 3pm
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 4:30, 6:30,
8:30 & 10:30pm

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. As always, wearing your parish nametag is helpful. Ushers will help form this line. The ushers will be sensitive to 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 parishioners have entered the church.

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Angel Tree Donations Due
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Thursday, December 13 @ 1pm
The Greening of the Church
Friday, December 14, 9am - noon
(preparing Greens in Lewis Hall)
Saturday, December 15, 8am - noon
(transporting/hanging greens in the church)
National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day
Friday, December 21 @ 6pm
Children's Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
Sunday, December 23 @ 2pm
Contributions Due by Year End
Monday, December 31
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Winter Shelter Week @ Bruton
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"Warm Up" Williamsburg
Friday, January 25, 5:15 - 8pm
Youth Ski Trip to Snowshoe
January 26 - 28, 2018
Women's Lenten Retreat
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 2

Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15 & 11:15am

No Children's Church in St. Mary's Chapel
as St. Nicholas visits Bruton @ 9:15 am.

No 5:30 pm service because of
Grand Illumination.

Sundays, December 9, 16 & 23

Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15 & 11:15am

Children's Church @ 9:15am **

Evening Prayer @ 5:30pm

Please see front page for Christmas Eve
& Christmas Day Worship

Sunday, December 30

Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am

Nine Lessons & Carols @ 9:15 & 11:15am

Evening Prayer @ 5:30pm

Noonday Prayer @ Church
Monday - Saturday

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

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

Canterbury Holy Eucharist, Evening Prayer
or Choral Evensong
Tuesdays @ 5:30pm 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 10:30am 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 on Sunday, December 2.



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

TOY COLLECTION FOR FISH

Meghan Brewer

Saint Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, will be making his annual visit to Bruton Parish to collect the toys we bring to the 9:15 service for delivery to FISH where they will be distributed to families in need.

To participate, please bring a new, unwrapped toy for a child of any age to the 9:15am service on Sunday, December 2.

This is a great opportunity for our children and families to be involved in community mission this month. Take your children shopping with you so that they can help you select a toy they believe another child will love to receive.

There will be no Children's Church that day so that our younger members can bring their toys to St. Nicholas themselves.



GREENING OF THE CHURCH

Volunteers are needed, both ladies and gentlemen, to assist in the annual two-day holiday event traditionally referred to as The Greening of the Church. Simply put, it's time to start planning the project to prepare and hang the Christmas decorations in the church.

Friday, December 14, at 8am through noon in Lewis Hall, all the fruit will be wired and placed on the wreaths. Please bring with you wire cutters, scissors or shears that will cut pine branches and bunched pine needles. Your help will be needed even if you do not have these tools! No experience needed!

Saturday, December 15, at 8am through noon in Lewis Hall and the Church, drivers of pick-up trucks, station wagons, and vans are asked to be at the Parish House at 8am to load the completed wreaths, roping and baby's breath for transportation to the church. Volunteers not assisting with transporting the greens are asked to be at the church between 8:30 and 8:45am. Volunteers will be performing a number of duties.

The Baby's Breath Society will convene in the Governor's Pew for the annual stemming of the flowers that adorn many of the wreaths. Garlands and wreaths will be hung both inside and outside the church, so dress warmly. If you have a ladder (all lengths are needed), please bring it. Shears and wire cutters will also be needed. If you have any questions, please send an email to greens@brutonparish.org or call Sarah Darling at (757) 871-7259.



POINSETTIAS FOR THE CHRISTMAS ALTAR

Dianne Spence

Contributions are now being accepted for the poinsettias that will decorate the Christmas altar. The deadline is Wednesday, December 5, for receiving the names to be included in the bulletin as a memorial, a thank offering, or in honor of someone special.

Please make checks payable to Bruton Parish Church Altar Guild and send to Dianne Spence at 102 Walnut Hills Drive, 23185-3427. Please do not send the checks to the church office. Include your telephone number on the correspondence or check.

Please call me directly at 757-229-4915 or send an email to poinsettias@brutonparish.org.



CANTERBURY GRAND ILLUMINATION FUNDRAISER

Once again this year, our Canterburians and Bruton Parish friends find ourselves hoping and praying for a clear cold night for our Concessions Sale on Sunday, December 2, from 2-6pm.

As in the previous years, we will again be selling ham biscuits, baked goods, corn dogs, water, soda, coffee, hot chocolate, and cider.

At this year's sale, the Canterbury Association is excited to sell stainless steel tumblers (with Canterbury-tested drip-proof lids) featuring our new logo. Purchase one at the Bake Sale and use it immediately for coffee, hot cocoa, or hot cider, or give them away as Christmas gifts. There are only 100 tumblers, so hurry while supplies last!

The sales from Grand Illumination support our Missions Fund, which provides financial support for students to participate in our pilgrimage to England, and it funds various outreach opportunities such as our work with Latisha's House and the REAL Life program in Richmond. The Missions Fund also supports seven scholarships for students at the Holy Cross School in Belize. Every year, the Canterbury Missions fund provides upwards of \$5,000 to support good works in the world.



LOOKING FORWARD TO BEING AN ANGEL

Thank you to those who've taken tags for the Salvation Army Angel Tree. Purchased gifts must be returned to the Parish House or to the Salvation Army directly no later than Friday, December 7. Please contact me at 757-229-2891 or cbrifton@brutonparish.org with questions.

LABYRINTH WALK

On Sunday, December 2, at 2pm, there will be a labyrinth walk at the Eastern State Hospital labyrinth. Start your Advent with this ancient form of meditative walking prayer. For more information or directions, contact the Rev. Lauren McDonald.

"COME, LORD JESUS"

ADVENT QUIET AFTERNOON

Join in a Quiet Afternoon of Hopeful Waiting! The Women of Bruton invite you to join us on Thursday, December 6, the day we remember Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, for an Advent Quiet Afternoon in the church from 3-5pm. All are welcome to come spend a couple of hours in the church as evening falls.



We will experience the late afternoon beauty of Bruton Parish, listen to guided meditation, and sit in quiet prayer as we prepare for the child who comes in glory to make all things new. Come for a half hour, hour, or stay for the full two hours (we request that you enter and leave on the half hour). Please join us as we reflect on this Advent Season.

Guided meditation, prayer, silence in community, and soul nourishment will await you in this season of waiting.

GOOD BOOK CLUB

Episcopalians around the world, including here at Bruton, will be reading Paul's Letter to the Romans during the season after Epiphany, starting on January 7, 2019. You can find the daily readings at www.goodbookclub.org/ readings. We will continue our Facebook group discussion group at www.facebook.com/groups/1956489351235251. Contact the Rev'd Lauren McDonald for more information.

WOMEN'S EVENING POTLUCK

The women of Bruton are having a Potluck Supper on Tuesday, January 8, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Janet Estes. All are invited and welcome to attend! To rsvp and get directions, please contact Janet directly at (757) 253-1682 or womenspotluck@brutonparish.org. Kindly plan to bring a dish to share.

ADVENT FIRST FRIDAYS

RECOVERY EUCHARIST

The Advent First Fridays Recovery Eucharist will be December 7 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. During the service participants may light candles and write prayer requests. Join us in the chancel of the church for a service where 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 group will meet on Thursday, December 13, from 1-2:30pm in Room 206 of the Parish House. Our December book is *Advent in Narnia*, a daily devotional for Advent by Heidi Haverkamp, a seminary friend of the Rev'd Lauren McDonald's. All women are invited to join us for a discussion of Advent themes along with cider and cookies.

Our next gathering will be on Thursday, January 31. We will be reading *Here if You Need Me* by Kate Braestrup.

WOMEN UNDER 40ISH

The WUF Pack group of young adult women will gather for a potluck lunch on Sunday, December 9, at 1pm in the Coffee, Tea & Thee Room on the second floor of the Parish House. We will be sharing Thanksgiving stories - poignant, joyful, funny, sad, or frustrating, and strategizing about staying centered during the holidays. We will continue meeting on the second Sunday of the month in 2019. Childcare is available - it's helpful if you let us know how many "cubs" will be attending.

If you are interested in more information, please contact the Rev'd Lauren McDonald at lmcdonald@brutonparish.org.

BRUTON FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT

Margaret Stockton

Thank you to everyone who participated in the October 27 lively half-day Women's Retreat (pictured to the left)! It was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the strengths of Mary and Martha, and explore how our prayers affect our actions in our many different relationships. Based on Feedback, everyone enjoyed the opportunity to learn how we can continue to share and reflect on how we can help each other and keep God in our busy lives!

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

Mark your calendar and save the dates for the Women's Lenten Retreat at Chanco next year from March 8-10, 2019. Watch for more details and registration information in the January issue of *The Chronicle*.



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.

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 what the impact of the Gospel message is on our everyday lives. Please join us on Sundays, December 9 & 23.

SUNDAY USHER MINISTRY

This ministry needs YOU to help serve the church. As the new year is coming, some of our current ushers will be retiring, and we will need to replace them. All services will be needing ushers! Please think about it — if you already attend that service, why not usher once every six weeks? We really need your help! Please contact Ginny or Bill Dugge at ushers@brutonparish.org to volunteer.

VESTRY INSTALLATION 2019

Congratulations to our new vestry members Bill Butler, Libby Flowers, Melinda Gibson, and Ron Hurst, who were elected during the Annual Parish Meeting on November 18 to a three-year term ending December 2021. Our thanks to outgoing vestry members Jeanette Cureton, Bill Greaf, Alice Erickson, and Mark Serena for their service and devotion to Bruton. Installation of the 2019 Vestry will take place on Sunday, January 13, during the 9:15am service.

GRATITUDE FOR THE OUTPOURING OF LOVE, CONCERN

The Rev'd Pat McCaughan, Episcopal News Service

California Episcopalians — still reeling from the deadliest wildfires in the state's history — say they are gathering strength and resilience through community connections and an outpouring of love and concern from across the Episcopal Church. "There is an increased sense of community which is really, really good. I think the message here is that material things really are not what's important. What's important is community and caring about each other, being in relationship with each other. It's the only thing that makes sense." Read the full article by Rev'd McCaughan online at bit.ly/CA-FIRES-ENS.

"Assessment is ongoing as the fires are not full contained yet," said Lura Steele, program officer for the U.S. Disaster Program at Episcopal Relief & Development, in a statement on the agency's website. "We will continue to work with our local partners to respond to the needs of those affected," she said.

To donate directly to the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California disaster relief, please visit www.norcalepiscopal.org/disaster-relief or make out checks to EDNC with "Disaster Relief" in the memo line and mail to The Episcopal Diocese of Northern California, 350 University Avenue, Suite 280, Sacramento, CA 95825.

2018 IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER

Help satisfy the 2018 Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your traditional IRA!

If you are 70 ½ or better, consider making a gift directly to Bruton Parish. At your request, your IRA administrator issues a check as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to Bruton Parish Church. The amount qualifies for exclusion from taxable income in 2018, and will fulfill all or part of your RMD. This is a way to complete a 2018 pledge or pre-pay a 2019 pledge.

To learn more about making a donation from your IRA, please contact Marty Easton, Development Director, directly at (757) 345-2256 or finance@brutonparish.org.

This information does not constitute professional advice. Consult a professional adviser on all legal, tax and financial matters.



FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE

CONTRIBUTIONS DUE BY YEAR END

Marty Easton

Please note that in order for a check to be counted as a 2018 contribution for tax purposes, it must be either:

- physically in the Parish House by 5pm on December 31, 2018 (although the Parish Office will be technically closed that day, Ed Emery, Bruton's Controller, will be working, so you will still be able to drop off your check);
- placed in the offering plate on Sunday, December 30, 2018;
- or postmarked on or before December 31, 2018.

Some people choose to pre-pay the next year's pledge. To do so, please write Annual Giving 2019 on the memo line of the check. Cash in the plate is welcome as a means of pledge payment. Please place the bills in an ordinary envelope and print your full name on the outside.

As always, thank you for your support of Bruton Parish. We are ready to help with your questions at finance@brutonparish.org or (757) 345-2256.



OUR NEW WEEK IS JANUARY 13-20

IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP FOR THE WINTER SHELTER

Sally & Bringier McConnell

In support of the 7th year of Community of Faith Ministry (COFM), Bruton Parish is again hosting the winter shelter the week of January 13-20, 2019. Your participation in this program ensures that the members of our local homeless community will have food and a place to sleep during the colder months of the year. We thank you for serving Christ through this ministry.

Please notice that this year's Shelter Week is scheduled for mid-January, rather than our traditional early February slot. Please don't let the hectic pace of the holidays keep you from taking a minute to sign up! It is easy and quick to do online. Just go to the Bruton Home page and follow the link or go to the online site at bit.ly/COFMBPC2019 directly.

Please consider volunteering or making a contribution in support of this important ministry. COFM has asked that we not contribute clothing this year, but your financial support is welcome. If you prefer not to sign up online, please call Sue Spooner at (757) 288-9726 or David Hurt at (757) 229-4904 (home) or (757) 897-4110 (cell).



"WARM UP" WILLIAMSBURG

"Warm Up" Williamsburg will be dishing out delicious soups, stews and chowders at their soup tasting dinner on Friday, January 25, from 5:15-8pm, to benefit the Community of Faith Mission (COFM) Emergency Winter Homeless Shelter. Local band Elderberry Jam is back by popular demand and our Bake Shop is going to be more delicious than ever. Tickets will go on sale in December.

For further information, please follow us on Facebook or go to COFM.info. If you have questions or wish to volunteer or provide items for our bake shop, contact (757) 903-7031 or Warmupwilliamsburg@gmail.com.

FISH CLOTHES CLOSET

Mary Kafes

Bruton supports FISH on so many levels. During October a wonderful corps of Bruton volunteers came to the Clothes Closet to help process clothing to be made available to those in need. In that month alone, FISH provided clothing for over 330 adults and children in the greater Williamsburg community. Without the open hearts and helping hands of such volunteers, this could not have been done. Our heartfelt thanks go out to all! Next October watch for your chance to sign up and engage in a couple of hours of hands-on outreach!

BRUTON BUILDERS WORKS IN WILLIAMSBURG COMMUNITY

Isabel Burch

Bruton Builders has been busy working with Habitat for Humanity, Avalon and Housing Partnerships building ramps, making various repairs and helping to build a Habitat House for the Hawkins family. Pictured below to the left is Markisha Hawkins, who helped to staple the wrap which covers the walls of her future home as she worked with a group of Brutonians.

Pictured also are the "Grip-Rite" girls who installed the Grip-Rite barrier tape around all of the windows of the Hawkins' house. When the job was completed, the Habitat supervisor told us that we did the best taping job that any of his volunteers had ever done!

If you would like to join in working on this Habitat house, please contact Isabel at (757) 253-0074 or habitat@brutonparish.org to sign up or ask questions. You can visit habitatpgw.volunteerhub.com directly to sign up also. If you would prefer to work on other Bruton Builders projects, contact Lou Nucci at (757) 564-9222 or builders@brutonparish.org.

We also have another chance to work at Chanco, our Diocese's camp and conference center in Surry. There is a workday on Saturday, December 1. Please contact Nash Francis at (757) 229-4818 to sign up or ask questions.

We have fun and, at the same time, help others. Please join us!



MISSION & OUTREACH THIS PAST YEAR

Bill Butler, M&O Chair 2018

This year has been a notable one for the Bruton Mission and Outreach (M&O) Committee. In 2018, we continued our efforts to support the parish, our fellow church members, and local area partners with their work helping those in need. One of the first tasks we undertook this year was to capture the extent of that much needed assistance. We did so by documenting the various ways that our parishioners and staff carry out mission and outreach related activities. The results of this research yielded an extremely informative listing, which we have shared on a newly revamped M&O section of the church's website. We rearranged and streamlined those pages to better focus our overall volunteer and community service opportunities. We hope everyone will take a look and let us know how we can make that part of our outreach better.

As we do each year, Mission and Outreach was heavily involved in the local picture. In 2018 we provided funding to Matthew 25 and additional support to other local groups. Committee members organized the FISH Spring Food Drive in June and are currently working on the Thanksgiving Food Drive. In addition, the committee made a contribution to another local Habitat for Humanity project, which is well underway at this very moment. With our support and a generous portion of funding and labor from the Bruton Builders and other parishioners, a new home is in the works and scheduled to be completed in the New Year! The Bruton Builders also continued their work with Avalon and Housing Partnerships in Williamsburg. They built ramp and did other work in houses to help elderly people and those who can't afford to do home improvements. This which will enable them to stay in their home. Our 2018 funds also went to support those outside our immediate area. In the spring, the committee contributed \$3,000 to the Bruton Parish Youth Group mission trip to Appalachia. More recently, the M&O Committee donated \$3,000 to Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) for use in aiding victims of Hurricanes Florence and Michael.

Lastly, we continued to focus prayerful and meticulous energy into our annual grant process. 2018 represents the third year of the committee's use of a web-based process for organizations to request grants from Bruton Parish Church. This year over 30 local, state, national and international organizations submitted applications. While we are still waiting on the final grant allotment, the 2018 M&O Committee will essentially draw upon \$40,000 from the Bruton vestry plus the income from recent jewelry sales and Parish Shop proceeds. Accordingly, we are happy to report

that the grant process is nearly finished and will be completed by year end.

In closing, the Committee reminds the parish that if there are projects or local outreach initiatives we may be able to help with, then please bring those ideas to Mission and Outreach for consideration. The committee is also seeking new members to serve with us in 2019, so let us know if you are interested.



Rex Prosser, Wyatt Alston, and M.J. Freeman working on a ramp for an elderly parishioner.

SEASONAL PROJECTS AT MATTHEW WHALEY MADE POSSIBLE BY PARISHIONERS

Alta Cassady

Once again the Matthew Whaley Project would like to thank members of Bruton Parish for their donations to our Fall Clothing Drive. T-shirts and blue jeans for over twenty students were provided for the Nurse's Closet at the school. These items of clothing will ensure that students will have access to a change of clothing if any accidents occur during the school day.

Please plan to join members of the M25 committee on Monday, December 10, at 10am in Lewis Hall of the Parish House to wrap holiday boxes of nonperishable food items that will be delivered to families of Matthew Whaley Elementary School students in need. These boxes of food will provide families with snacks and meals during the two week Christmas break when students will not be eating at least one meal each day in the school lunch room.

Bring your scissors, tape and holiday gift wrap to assist the committee with making the food boxes into colorful and festive gifts from Bruton Parish. This has proven to be a fun project that will put everyone in the Christmas spirit as well as provide needed nourishment for our friends at Matthew Whaley.



"We so appreciate Bruton Parish's generosity in helping us stock Matthey's Closet! It is hard to concentrate on learning when wearing wet clothes, and it's sometimes difficult for parents to get to school." stated Beth Wells, school nurse.



YOUTH MISSION TRIPS/PILGRIMAGES SET FOR 2019

The Rev'd Josh Stephens

This summer, Bruton Parish Youth Ministries will be leading two trips of pilgrimage and mission for our middle and high school students. These experiences not only serve to make a difference in the lives of those whom we serve, but they also offer an important opportunity for Christian formation in our young people. See below for details and sign up now for either trip by submitting your deposit to Fr. Josh Stephens.

July 6-17, 2019

Mission and Pilgrimage to Navajoland, NM & Cataract Canyon, UT

High School students are invited to help organize and attend a trip to work with a Navajo congregation, St. Michael's Episcopal Church, to host a Vacation Bible School from July 8-12, 2019. On July 12, we will travel to Moab, Utah for a wilderness pilgrimage of five days and four nights of rafting through the remote Cataract Canyon in Canyonlands National Park. We will learn about Navajo culture along the way and spend time with God, our creator. Bruton Parish's current high schoolers and their friends are invited, and they will be expected to gather for pre-trip meetings and to help with fundraisers. The trip cost is \$1,300/person with a \$400 deposit due by April 1. If you turn in your deposit by March 1, then you'll receive a \$100 discount on the trip.

Below are some pictures of our children and youth acolyting during Sunday services, handing out Thanksgiving Food Drive bags for FISH, and attending Youth Group!

July 21-28, 2019

Mission Trip to the Appalachian South Folklife Center in Pipestem, WV

Middle and high school students are invited to journey to the wild and wonderful mountains of West Virginia for a week of service work, prayer, cultural experiences, and time with God in creation. This trip will leave on Sunday, July 21, when we'll spend a week working on local homes with the Folklife Center as our facilitators and home base. Students will be shaped by Morning and Evening Prayer, music, and group conversations, as well as the work completed each day.

On Friday, July 26, we will head to the New River Gorge for two nights of fun and rest including an adventure lake and white-water rafting through the New River Gorge. This trip costs \$450/person with a \$200 deposit due by May 1. If you turn in your deposit by March 1, you will receive a \$50 discount on the trip.

We are grateful for parishioner's support of our mission trips and pilgrimages. Stay tuned for fundraisers next year. Donations are welcome at any time to offset chaperone costs and youth scholarships. Write checks to Bruton Parish with "Youth Mission Trip Donation" in the memo and give to Fr. Josh Stephens.



CHILDREN & YOUTH FORMATION

The Rev'd Josh Stephens & Meghan Brewer

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

Children's Church will not be held because Saint Nicholas arrives at the church at 9:15am to collect donated toys for children in need. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy or book to be collected and donated to FISH. Our Children's & Youth Choirs will be singing! Sunday School will not be held during December, so come enjoy the Advent Activity of making Advent Wreaths at 10:20am in the Parish House. Choir Rehearsal will be held at 11:10am. Come support the Canterbury Grand Illumination Fundraiser from 2-6pm!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

Children's Church will be held, then we'll meet for our Cookie Making & Decorating Advent Activity at 10:20am in the Parish House. Along with these cookies, we'll be donating dozens more to our M25 Ministry for filling holiday boxes for children less fortunate. Choir Rehearsal will be held at 11:10am (and will then resume on January 6). All families are invited to the Parish House for a Family Pancake Breakfast. All cooks are welcome to help. Youth Group for middle schoolers will begin in the Parish House at 4pm (dinner at 5:30pm), and our high schoolers will meet from 5:30-7:30pm.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

Children's Church will be held, followed by an Advent Activity in the Parish House (no choir rehearsal). Youth Group will be from 5:30-7:30pm for both middle and high schoolers and their friends, who are invited for hot chocolate, pizza and some ice skating!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

Children's Church will be held, followed by a Story Advent Activity in the Parish House. We'll meet at the church at 2pm for the ONLY dress rehearsal for the Pageant. We really need all participants in the pageant to attend this rehearsal, where we'll run through it about three times. No Youth Group this night.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

For those participating in the Pageant, please meet in the Custis House at 2pm (the white house across from the church). We'll get costumed and then walk across Duke of Gloucester Street to share the amazing story of Jesus' birth. Nursery will be available ONLY during the 3pm service on Christmas Eve.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

Please join the congregation in the "big" church at 9:15am for Nine Lessons & Carols as there will be no children or youth programming.

SWOOSHING ON SNOWSHOE SLOPES SOON

The Rev'd Josh Stephens

Our 2019 Ski Trip to Snowshoe has been set for January 25-27! All middle and high school students, and their friends, are invited for a fun ski weekend at Snowshoe, WV.

We will leave on Friday, January 25, ski on Saturday, January 26, and then go ice tubing on Sunday, January 27, before heading home. We are staying at the Cass Scenic Railroad State Park near the resort.



Please mark your calendars and check your email for a sign-up opportunity soon!



Nursery is available each Sunday in the Parish House from 8:30am through the 11:15am service for newborns through 4-years-old.

Children's Church is age-appropriate worship held at 9:15am in St. Mary's Chapel, tailored for children K-5th grade. Bring them at 9am, then head to the church. Save a seat, as they'll join the congregation at the Peace. We also hold 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 in the choir room (unless there is no Sunday School, then they meet at 10:30am).

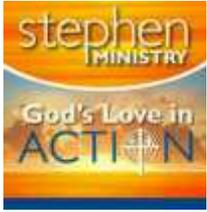
If you have any questions regarding the formation for our children and youth, please contact Meghan Brewer at the Parish House.



Our children's & youth choirs singing during the 9:15am service!

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

Jackie Polizzi



I have a neighbor across the street named Sandy; we'd been friends for sixteen years. Sandy had always sent out Christmas cards depicting either the Nativity or Madonna and Child. Several years ago she invited me to attend a splendid display of the "Holy Family Nativity" at St. Bede's that was being shared by over one hundred parishioners. Most of the tableaus were from the United States, many from earlier generations and from parishioners who had lived or traveled out of the country.

I was never curious and had never asked Sandy why she chose these particular depictions. Now I understand — last week I attended Sandy's memorial service. Sandy and Pat had six children - counting everyone in the immediate family, they always needed a table for thirty, which includes the sixteen grandchildren.

At the memorial reception they had an open microphone, and this is what was said:

"Grandma taught me to love."

"My mom taught me how to love."

"My mother-in-law accepted me with love."

"I'm going to miss her love."

"Mom taught me to make good gravy with love."

I'm guessing that Sandy saw love and family in her Christmas cards - and this year I will send out the same in her loving memory.

The Stephen Ministers send you peace, joy and love for this holiday season - and remember that we are here for you if you need us. Please call Mary Jean Hurst or John Fogarty our Stephen Leaders, at 757-220-2087.

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. This month's prayer is offered by Mary Kafes.

Guide Me Into an Unclenched Moment

Gentle me,
Holy One,
into an unclenched moment,
a deep breath,
a letting go
of heavy expectancies,
of shriveling anxieties,
of dead certainties,
that, softened by the silence,
surrounded by the light
and open to the mystery,
I may be found by wholeness,
upheld by the unfathomable,
entranced by the simple
and filled with the joy
that is you.



Loder, Ted. Guerrillas of Grace
Prayers for the Battle

2019 LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

Joyce Haines

The Bruton Parish Chapter of The Order of the Daughters of the King® is making preparations for the 2019 Lenten Devotional. Contributors are needed to provide written reflections on assigned scripture passages for publication in the Devotional. Individuals, couples, and families are invited to contribute. Scripture passages will be assigned very soon and will be due by January 25, 2019. If you are interested in writing a reflection for the 2019 Lenten Devotional or if you would like more information, please contact Joyce Haines at (757) 472-1692.

WHAT ARE THE 2018 ADVENTWORDS?

AdventWord will gather prayers via the global, online advent calendar for the fifth year in a row. Virginia Theological Seminary is offering 24 meditations and images during this holy season beginning Sunday, December 2. Images and meditations can be experienced via www.AdventWord.org, direct daily emails, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Join an international community in prayer to explore the mystery and wonder of Advent.

You're invited to help create our global, online Advent Calendar:

- ❑ Sign up on AdventWord.org to receive a brief visual and written meditation from December 2 through Christmas Day.
- ❑ Use www.AdventWord.org to share your own image or short reflection of the word of the day.
- ❑ Post your images or reflections on your own social media accounts — remember to use "#AdventWord" and the word of the day hashtags to include your contributions on our social media networks.

During the 24 days of Advent, participants can deepen their understanding of the coming of Jesus into the world through the practices of meditation and prayer. Come pray with us!



FRIENDS DAY: MAY 4

Jim Morford

Plans are underway for an exceptional Seventh Annual Friends Day on Saturday, May 4, 2019!

Three events in 1619 would have major influence on the English New World and the nation that evolved. During that year, the first representative assembly met at the church in Jamestown. Jamestown also saw the first introduction of enslaved Africans in the New World. A third significant event impacting Jamestown was the decision by the Virginia Company of London to order women, "maids young and uncorrupt" be recruited "to make wives to the inhabitants." Truly, 1619 was a momentous year and one that deserves recognition.

The year 2019 represents the 400th anniversary of these momentous events. Plans are developing to conduct Friends Day events at Jamestown.

The Friends of Bruton Committee is pleased to announce that the luncheon speaker will be The Honorable John Charles Thomas, the first African-American and the youngest person ever appointed to serve as an Associate Justice on the Virginia Supreme Court.



Due to space limitations for the luncheon at Jamestown, early registration is recommended. Reserve your place by calling (757) 345-2252.

CORNERSTONE CIRCLE SEEKS TO FUND SPECIAL PROJECT

Jim Morford

Friends of Bruton has adopted a project to be funded through Cornerstone Circle memberships. Our new Heritage Center contains much information about the history and present activities of our vibrant church. The historians who researched and developed the information that appears with each exhibit developed more facts than could be presented in the limited space available.

We are exploring the idea of creating a book that will supplement and expand on the texts that appear in each exhibit. Once published, the book will be available for sale at the Parish Gift Shop. We are awaiting cost estimates for the publication that will permit us to establish a fundraising goal for the Cornerstone Circle.

It's easy to become a Cornerstone Circle member. For an annual contribution of \$100 or more, first year Cornerstone members receive a lapel pin depicting the weathervane that flew atop the steeple at Bruton Parish Church for more than two centuries. Many Cornerstone members proudly wear the weathervane pin at the church and at other events.

You can become a Cornerstone Circle member by contacting Hilary Cooley at (757) 345-2252 or hcooley@brutonparish.org.

SHOP TALK

Leith Merrow Mullaly

Merry Christmas to all from your Bruton Parish Gift Shop. If you are looking for a truly custom-made memorable gift this year, look no further! A lovely wooden miniature of the church — designed especially for us by a Virginia artist and sold exclusively in the Gift Shop — is our newest item. The interior is lit and, when you look through the front door, you can see the altar, cross, and pulpit. This is really a collector's item for all who want a unique remembrance of Bruton.

Christmas is truly in the air! Select from an outstanding selection of cards, Advent calendars, Advent candles/holders, and "Christmas poppers" or crackers in the English tradition.

This year we chose some small nativities ideal for those downsizing, or for shut-ins or nursing home residents. We also have nativity sets for children to set up and play with all by themselves.

Attention, especially gentlemen! In one-stop shopping, you will find gifts the women on your list will love. Among the more popular are warm gloves, shawls, ponchos and fuzzy jackets. Our customers find the art umbrellas and purses irresistible.

For the first time this year we are offering 20" cedar wreaths that are everlasting. They look so real that you have to touch them to believe they are faux!

Your contributions to our Pre-Owned Jewelry & Accessories Sale over the Veteran's Day Weekend brought more than \$4,000 to our mission and outreach ministries. A huge thank-you to JoAnn Alley, who once again organized and ran the entire event!

In this season of giving, one of the most important benefits of shopping in the Gift Shop is that all profits support the church's mission and outreach program. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Our all-volunteer sales staff offers unbelievable customers service and a hearty welcome to everyone who enters the shop. We would love to have you join the fun and become a volunteer too! If you'd like to become a Gift Shop volunteer, please contact Shop Manager, Diane Koun, at dkoun@brutonparish.org or (757) 220-1489. You can also use the online Volunteer Form at www.bruntonparish.org/form5384.htm.



"This building, completed in 1715, was at the center of community life in Williamsburg, VA, during the Colonial era. The parish it serves, organized in 1674, predates the founding of Williamsburg and continues today as a large and active Episcopal Church. Sold exclusively by the Bruton Parish Gift Shop, with net proceeds supporting the mission and outreach programs of the church."



INTERESTING BOOKS IN THE HENNAGE LIBRARY

Bill Bynum, Library Committee

Our parish is blessed with The Hennage Library, a small (1,700) but carefully chosen collection of faith-based materials available to educate, enlighten and entertain members of our congregation, originally established with the generous support of Joseph and June Hennage. The Library is located in the lower level of the Parish House and is open from 9am to 5pm on Friday and daily whenever meetings are not scheduled there. Check the availability of the library by visiting the Parish Calendar on our website or call the Parish House (757) 229-2891.

New Acquisitions

New Acquisitions are displayed in the walnut shelving on the left side of the Hennage Library.

Augustine of Hippo

University of California Press, 1967.

Written by Peter Brown, this classic biography has become recognized as the standard account of Saint Augustine's life and teaching.

Institutes of the Christian Religion,

tr. by Henry Beveridge

Wm. B Eerdmans, 1989.

This book is John Calvin's seminal work of Protestant systematic theology, published in Latin in 1536. It has been highly influential in the Western world.

Hallelujah, Anyhow!: A Memoir

Church Publishing, 2018.

This book is the memoir of the first woman bishop in the Anglican Communion, written by Barbara Harris, with Kelly Brown Douglas. Bishop Harris has been eyewitness to national and church history. In the book, she reflects on her experiences with the "racism, sexism, and other 'isms' that pervade the life of the church," while still managing to say, "Hallelujah, Anyhow."

Ancient Christian Worship: Early Church Practices in Social, Historical, and Theological Perspective

Baker Academic Publishing, 2014.

Written by Andrew B. McGowan, "McGowan surveys what we know about the origins of the Church's rituals and how these rituals evolved during the first few centuries of Christianity ... Ancient Christian Worship is a scholarly work with pages that turn easily. It reflects the wit and sense of humor that we all enjoyed from McGowan. I would recommend it to anyone who wants to have a deeper understanding of the rituals that shape us as Christians, and especially as Anglicans." (Review written by the Rev'd Josh Stephens in The Bruton Fount, Summer 2018)

Origen

Routledge, 1998.

Written by Joseph W. Trigg. Origen of Alexandria is the most influential Christian theologian before Augustine, the founder of Biblical study as a serious discipline in the Christian tradition, and a figure with immense influence on the development of Christian spirituality.

Continuing Our Tour Through the Books of the Hennage Library

The books in the Hennage Library are arranged by subject according to the Dewey Decimal classification system. The Subject Catalog lists the books of the Library in the order of their Dewey Decimal classifications. There is a printed copy of the Subject Catalog in the Library and a PDF version available through a link on the web page of the Hennage Library, accessible from the Bruton Parish Church main web page.

We continue our tour at the Dewey Decimal classification 220 The Bible with short reviews on the next page of four books in this subject area.

THE LINK LIBRARY

It's a library you can wander through at any time without leaving home — a curated collection of internet resources, organized around topics of special interest to Bruton parishioners.



A changing section "Of Special Interest This Month" has topical entries, such as ways to enrich your Advent season. There's a new section on the history of Bruton Parish Church.

You'll find it all by clicking "Link Library" on the Parish's home page, by clicking here online, or visiting www.brutonparish.org/link_library directly.

All of the Women of the Bible

Harper & Row, 1955. Hennage Library call number: 220.9 DeeA C2

Author Edith Deen provides a comprehensive listing of all of the women of the Bible. The book is divided into three sections. The first section is devoted to descriptions of the more than fifty of the women in the biblical foreground. The second section contains an alphabetical listing of all named women in the Bible with a brief paragraph for each. The third section contains chronological listings of the nameless women in the background of the biblical narrative. This section is subdivided into sections on daughters, wives, mothers, widows, and other unnamed women.

The Bible in History: How the Texts Have Shaped the Times

Oxford University Press, 2004. Hennage call number: 220.09 KlIB

In this book written by David W. Kling, Kling wants to demonstrate the dynamic interaction between biblical texts and their appropriation and application in subsequent history. To illustrate this interaction, he chooses eight example texts from the Bible. The story of the rich young man (Matthew 19:16-22) inspired Anthony of Egypt to divest himself of his wealth and become the essential founder of monasticism. The "upon this rock" text (Matthew 16:18-19) was used as the basis for the papacy. Medieval Christendom was preoccupied with the Song of Songs. By 1700, more than 500 commentaries had been devoted to this text. Romans 1:16-17 had a profound influence on Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation. The "love your enemies texts" (Matthew 5: 9, Matthew 5:39, 43-44 and Romans 12:1-2,4) substantially influenced the Anabaptists and the Peace Tradition. The "let my people go" texts (Exodus 1:13-14; 3:7-8; 8:1) was important to African-American history, from slavery, to Martin Luther King, to liberation theology. The beginning of Acts (Acts 2:1-4) with its references to the outpouring of the Spirit and speaking in tongues was the basis for the rise of modern Pentecostalism. Galatians 3:28 has been adopted as a justification for women's ministry and ordination.

God's Secretaries: The Making of the King James Bible

HarperCollins, 2003. Hennage call number: 220 NicG C1

In his book, Adam Nicolson tells the fascinating story of the creation of the King James Bible, the new translation of the most significant book in seventeenth century England, a translation that turned out to be one of the most influential works ever produced in English. About fifty translators worked on the King James Bible between 1604 and 1611. Nicolson attempts to situate the production of the King James version in the context of its time. Nicolson like most other commentators, celebrates the King James version of the Bible for its mixture of richness and clarity, majesty and simplicity, divinity and solidity. He sees it as an inclusive, all-embracing work, and he attributes this quality to two factors: the nature of England at the beginning of the reign of James I and the nature of the king himself.



The Last Word: Beyond the Bible Wars to a New Understanding of the Authority of Scripture

HarperSanFrancisco, 2005.

Hennage call number: 220.1 WriL

The central thesis of this book written by N.T. Wright is that the "authority of scripture" is really a shorthand for "the authority of the triune God, exercised somehow through scripture." Rev. Wright devotes several chapters to explaining what "authority of scripture" means. In the book's final chapter, Rev. Wright gives a prescription for the church's way forward: "... the authority of 'scripture' is most truly put into operation as the church goes to work in the world on behalf of the gospel, the good news that in Jesus Christ the living God has defeated the powers of evil and begun the work of new creation. It is with the Bible in its hand, its head and its heart — not merely with the newspaper and the latest political fashion or scheme — that the church can go to work in the world, confident that Jesus is Lord and Caesar is not."



NATIONAL HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL DAY

The National Coalition for the Homeless has sponsored National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day on the first day of winter to bring attention to the tragedy of homelessness and to remember our neighbors who lost their lives due its effects. Please join them on Friday, December 21, at 6pm on the Williamsburg Christian Church front lawn (200 John Tyler Lane) as we take time to remember our neighbors who have died from the effects of homelessness in greater Williamsburg. Candles will be provided. Please bring umbrellas in case of inclement weather. If possible, please bring a food item for FISH Inc.

CANTERBURY RETREAT

The Rev'd Daniel W. McClain

A couple weekends ago, the Canterbury Association traveled to Chanco, the Episcopal Retreat Center of the Diocese of Southern Virginia. This was our third year of retreating with the chaplaincies at Old Dominion University, Longwood University, and Hampden Sydney College.



About 45 students attended the overnight event which included Evening and Morning Prayer, Compline, a mid-day Eucharist, the Chanco Ropes Course, and meals. In addition, we facilitated group discussion on the theme of Baptism, read the baptismal liturgy together, and heard stories and reflection from the students about their experiences of baptism and the way that it shapes their life and discipleship today. One highlight of the retreat for me was hearing the students sing "Take Me Home, Country Roads" by John Denver, around the campfire.



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IS DOING ...

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about Canterbury
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check out their
facebook page,
instagram feed,
or their Spotify
playlists!

" BELLS OF PEACE RANG AT BRUTON PARISH

Bruton participated in a nationwide bell-tolling at 11am on Sunday, November 11 — Veteran's Day — marking the centennial of the armistice that brought an end to hostilities in what Americans fervently hoped had been "the war to end all wars."

Veteran members of Bruton rang the Tarpley Bell 21 times at the 'Eleventh Hour of the Eleventh Day of the Eleventh Month', along with other significant sites across the country, including the Colonial Williamsburg Capitol, and the National Cathedral, where an interfaith service was conducted. This commemoration was sponsored by the World War One Centennial Commission along with the National Cathedral, the Honor Guard of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and other organizations. We hope you had the opportunity to stop, listen, and reflect.

The Washington National Cathedral, together with the World War One Centennial Commission, marked the 100th commemoration with a Sacred Interfaith Service. Combining prayers, poetry, and musical offerings, a video of the service — along with the National Veteran's Day Tribute Concert — is still available online at cathedral.org/initiative/veterans.



Left to right: Veterans Allen Saunders, Dick Estes, Jim Carson, Bill Libby, and Rev'd Chuck Mullaly (Spence Webster, not pictured)

CAN⁺ERBURY
The Episcopal Church at William & Mary



BRUTON SINGLES

Heidi Elam, Donna Dodenhoff, Eda Martin, Spence Witten 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.

Saturday, December 1, 3pm-3:55pm
Williamsburg Symphony Holiday Pops
Concert @ Williamsburg Presbyterian Church
Meet us at 2:45pm in the church entrance hall at 215 Richmond Road. For the first time, the Williamsburg Symphony Orchestra will perform with a 60-person choir made up of singers from the Bruton choirs (Rebecca Davy, Director) and the Williamsburg Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir (Christopher Bechtler, Director). Call the Williamsburg Presbyterian Church at (757) 229-9857 to purchase \$30 ticket. Call Eda Martin (757) 253-1477 to RSVP.

Sunday, December 2, 5pm
Grand Illumination @ Colonial Williamsburg
Join us at the Parish House on Duke of Gloucester Street and support our Canterburyans who will be serving up ham biscuits, cider, and cookies to raise money for their upcoming mission trip. Afterwards, we'll stroll down Duke of Gloucester Street to enjoy the candle-lit, decorated historic area homes and enjoy the fireworks on the Palace Green (cost of refreshments only). Contact Spence Witten at (240) 271-5727 to RSVP.

Saturday, December 8, 2pm
William & Mary Combined Choral Winter Concerts @ Williamsburg Presbyterian Church
Come join us for lunch at Berret's Restaurant at 12pm, then attend the annual winter concert presented by the Choirs of William and Mary at the Williamsburg Presbyterian Church. The concert will feature the W&M Women's Chorus, Botetourt Chamber Singers directed by Jamie Bartlett, and the W&M Choir directed by James Armstrong (cost of meal + ticket). Contact Sandy Lenthall at (757) 229-6188 to RSVP.

Sunday, December 24, 6:30pm
Christmas Eve Service @ Bruton
After the service, we will stroll in the festively decorated historic district and stop for dinner at Chowning's Tavern (cost of meal). RSVP to Donna Dodenhoff at singles@brutonparish.org.

Monday, December 31, 7pm
New Year's Eve Celebration
Meet us for dinner at 7pm at the Center Street Grill in New Town, followed by a New Year's celebration at Clai and Fritz's house in Kingsmill to ring in the New Year. Everyone is asked to bring a dessert, wine, or sparkling cider (cost of meal). Please contact Heidi Elam at (757) 897-5012.

THE WAY OF LOVE: PRACTICES FOR A JESUS-CENTERED LIFE

www.EpiscopalChurch.com

Presiding Bishop Curry has invited the whole church to take up The Way of Love, a "rule of life" focused on practices for Jesus-Centered Life. Please visit www.episcopalchurch.org/journeying-way-love to find out more about engaging The Way of Love, developing and following a rule of life, walking with others, the Jesus Movement, and more. When you go online and scroll below the main cross graphic, you can click a practice and view a short selection of resources and tools for discovering and deepening that practice in your own life. If you have a resource or tool you would like to share as we all walk the Way of Love together, share it at wayoflove@episcopalchurch.org or post on social media with #wayoflove so we can all find each other!



"LATEST TRENDS IN LIFELONG LEARNING IN WILLIAMSBURG"

You've heard all about the advantages of keeping your brain active through life-long learning opportunities. Here's your chance to learn about one such gem available to the Williamsburg Senior Community.

This month's offering through the Community Café Williamsburg will be held at Saint Bede Catholic Church on Ironbound Road from 1-3pm on Thursday, December 6. Scott Langhorst, Christopher Wren Association Program Chair, will navigate us through the changing face of the Christopher Wren Association. His presentation, with a question and answer session, will be followed by the Rapport singing group which will lead us in a holiday sing-a-long!

The Café is free and open to Williamsburg residents age 60+, or caregivers. It is sponsored by local congregations, businesses, and the Peninsula Agency on Aging. Join them for a short presentation, snacks and prizes!

BE THE VOICE OF A CHILD

Colonial CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates, is recruiting volunteers for its February 2019 training. CASAs are professionally trained and supported citizens who advocate in Court for the best interests of abused and neglected children right here in our community. The sessions will run for four weeks: three Saturdays from 9am - 3:30pm, and one Tuesday from 12:30 - 4:30pm. If you are interested, contact marylou@colonialcasa.org for further information. Be the eyes and ears of the Court, the hands and heart of the community and a VOICE for a child!



CANDLELIGHT CONCERTS FOR THE PARISH AND COMMUNITY BY OUR MUSIC MINISTRY

All programs begin at 8pm, unless otherwise noted. Doors open at 7:30pm, no ticket required (a freewill offering will be received). Parking is permitted on Duke of Gloucester in front of the church for any concert, recital or service.

Saturday, December 1
Holiday Choral Concert
All Saints Episcopal Church Girls & Parish
Choirs from Richmond, Virginia
Scott Hayes, Director

Tuesday, December 4
Holiday Handbell Concert
Bruton Parish Tarpley Ringers, Rebecca Davy,
Director, & Handbell Choir from First Baptist
Church, Scotland Street, Reggie Fox, Director
with Dr. JanEl Will, Organist

Thursday, December 6
Holiday Handbell Concert
Bruton Parish Tarpley Ringers
Rebecca Davy, Director

Saturday, December 8
Holiday Choral Concert
New Dominion Choraliers Community Choir
from Prince William County, Virginia
Katherine Nelson-Tracey, Director

Tuesday, December 11
Holiday Choral Concert:
Music of Johann Kuhnau & Antonio Vivaldi
Bruton Parish Choirs & Orchestra
Rebecca Davy, Director

Thursday, December 13
Holiday Choral Concert
Manassas Community Choir from Manassas,
Virginia - Becky Verner, Director

Friday, December 14
Holiday Choral Concert
Second Baptist Church Choirs from Richmond,
Virginia - Bill Miller, Director & Mary Beth
Bennett, Organist

Saturday, December 15
Holiday Choral Concert - Impromptu Community
Choir from Richmond Virginia
Amy Hruska, Director

Tuesday, December 18
Holiday Choral Concert - Salisbury Presbyterian
Church Choirs from Midlothian, Virginia - Mark
Patterson, Director & Cathy Armistead, Organist

Thursday, December 20
Holiday Choral Concert
One Accord Choir from First Baptist Church in
Richmond, Virginia, Philip Mitchell, Director

Saturday, December 22
Holiday Choral Concert
Tabernacle Baptist Church Choir from Richmond,
Virginia - Judy Fiske, Director

Thursday, December 27
Christmas Portative & Harpsichord Recital
Rebecca Davy, Music Director at Bruton Parish

Saturday, December 29 @ 8:00 pm
Christmas Portative & Harpsichord Recital
Rebecca Davy, Music Director at Bruton Parish

Sunday, December 30 @ 9:15 & 11:15 am
Nine Lessons & Carols - Bruton Parish Choirs,
Rebecca Davy, Director; Alexandra Mullins,
Harpist; & Dr. JanEl Will, Organist

Holiday Music at Bruton

Rebecca Davy, Music Director

December 4 & 6 @ 8pm
Tarpley Ringers Holiday Concerts
& the Handbell Choir from First Baptist
Church, Scotland Street

December 11 @ 8pm
Bruton Choirs Holiday Concert
with chamber orchestra

For Us a Child Is Born
by Johann Kuhnau

Introduction & Gloria
by Antonio Vivaldi

Doors open at 7:30pm, no ticket required
(a freewill offering will be
gratefully received)

Parking is permitted on
Duke of Gloucester Street during
any service, concert and recital.



Sister Mary
Stephen's Art
by Ellie

HISTORICAL ORGAN RECITALS

William & Mary's Wren Chapel @ 10am

Thursday, November 29	Thomas Marshall
Friday, November 30	Rebecca Davy
Saturday, December 1	Norman Elton
Monday, December 3	Rebecca Davy
Tuesday, December 4	Norman Elton
Thursday, December 6	Thomas Marshall
Friday, December 7	Rebecca Davy
Saturday, December 8	Rebecca Davy
Monday, December 10	Rebecca Davy
Thursday, December 13	Rebecca Davy
Friday, December 14	Norman Elton
Saturday, December 15	Rebecca Davy
Monday, December 17	Rebecca Davy
Thursday, December 20	Rebecca Davy
Friday, December 21	Norman Elton
Saturday, December 22	Rebecca Davy
Monday, December 24	Rebecca Davy
Wednesday, December 26	Rebecca Davy
Thursday, December 27	Thomas Marshall
Friday, December 28	Rebecca Davy
Saturday, December 29	Rebecca Davy
Monday, December 31	Norman Elton



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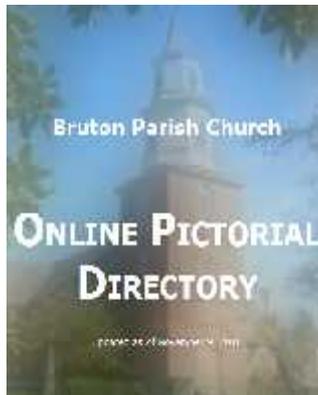
A good New Year's Resolution is to make sure your picture and contact information are in the Online Pictorial Directory! The directory was recently updated on November 9, and we will continue to take pictures throughout the year.

Due to privacy laws, everyone who agrees to be included in the directory must complete, sign, and return a Personal Information Consent Form which can be accessed through the Parish Access Only tab on our website.

If you would like to participate in the directory, you can email an appropriate picture directly to hcooley@brutonparish.org or stop by the Parish House to have your picture taken (please contact Hilary Cooley to schedule an appointment).

Not only can you access the Online Pictorial Directory through the Parish Access Only tab of our website, you can also view Volunteer Schedules, The Chronicle, Vestry Minutes, Budget Reports, and Bruton Parish Church Endowment Minutes & Financials. If you don't yet have access, you'll need to request it using our Parish Access Only Request Form on our website.

Just visit the homepage of our website at www.brutonparish.org, scroll down under "Happening Soon" and click Parish Only Pictorial Directory. If you have any questions, please contact Hilary Cooley at either (757) 229-2891 or hcooley@brutonparish.org.



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

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

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