



The
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BRUTON PARISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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HOLY WAITING

The Rev'd Lauren McDonald

On Christmas Eve we will hear Isaiah's words, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined." The prophet Isaiah is preaching words of hope to people in a very troubled time. They have waited a long time for the promise of joy. So, too, we live in a very troubled time, and we are also waiting.

Most of us do not enjoy waiting. We hate to wait on cars driving like snails in front of us. We hate to wait in line at stores, and so we impatiently scan the other lines to see if another one is shorter. We hate to wait in doctor's offices or for test results or for summer vacation to arrive.

Advent is the beginning of the Christian new year. And yet, it doesn't start with fireworks and parties. Instead, it begins when the days are shortest, with a time of waiting, of preparation. Waiting for the light to return. Waiting for the child to be born. Waiting for the promise of joy. It's a time when we simultaneously wait expectantly for the birth of the Son of God and anticipate his coming again. It's a time for sitting still and reflecting on who we are as Christians and how we can make space once again in our hearts for the coming of the Christ child.

Instead of embracing this time of waiting, we tend to fill our time with frenetic activity. We shop and eat and go to parties, and shop and cook and travel from place to place and eat and shop until, on Christmas Day, we drop with exhaustion. In the darkest time of the year, when the seeds and bulbs are burrowed in the ground, waiting through the cold and dark until they emerge with new growth in the spring, we run ourselves ragged so that we don't have to notice that we are waiting. Instead of being still and listening and looking inside to see where we need to grow, we fill our time with productivity so that we don't have to get too close to the dark waiting spaces inside us. Being still is too uncomfortable.

In her book, *When the Heart Waits*, Sue Monk Kidd tells a story about going on retreat to a monastery and observing a monk sitting perfectly still. When she later asked him how he could bear sitting there doing nothing, he replied, "When you're waiting, you're not doing nothing. You're doing the most important something there is. You're allowing your soul to grow up. If you can't be still and wait, you can't become what God created you to be" [page 22].

God is calling us to wait this Advent. To wait on the birth of a child. To wait on the return of the risen Lord. To wait and listen to our souls as they burrow deep in the winter soil and receive the nutrients they need to emerge again, a little farther along on the spiritual journey. This season, may we all make peace with waiting in the darkness, so that when we see the great light, we will be ready to rejoice!

Christmas Eve
Tuesday, 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.

Christmas Day
Wednesday, December 25
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 11am

FELLOWSHIP & FORMATION

Wednesday Fellowship Dinners
Wednesdays, December 4, 11 & 18

Newcomers' Corner
Sunday, December 1 @ 10:30am

Tarpley Handbell Ringers Holiday Concerts
Tuesday & Thursday, December 3 & 5 @ 8pm

Christmas Altar Poinsettia Donations
Due by Wednesday, December 4

Women's Theological Book Group
Thursday, December 5 @ 1pm

Angel Tree Donations Due
Friday, December 6

First Fridays Recovery Eucharist
Friday, December 6 @ 5:30pm

Saint Nicholas Toy Collection for FISH
Sunday, December 8 @ 9:15am

Women Under Fortyish
Sunday, December 8 @ 1pm

Canterbury Grand Illumination Fundraiser
Sunday, December 8, 2-6pm

Living the Gospel Bible Study
Sunday, December 8 & 22 @ 11am

A Journey through Advent: Lessons & Carols
Tuesday, December 10 @ 8pm

Advent Quiet Time *
Wednesday, December 11, 3-5pm

The Greening of the Church
Friday & Saturday, December 13 & 14

Children's Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
Sunday, December 22 @ 2pm

Christmas Lessons & Carols
Sunday, December 29 @ 9:15 & 11:15am

Contributions Due by Year End
Tuesday, December 31

Vestry Installation
Sunday, January 12 @ 9:15am

Youth Ski Trip to Snowshoe
January 25-27

"Warm Up" Williamsburg
Friday, January 31 - 8pm

Winter Shelter Week @ Bruton
February 9 - 16, 2020

* Child care may be available for babies through elementary-aged children by reservation only. Please contact Meghan Brewer at (252) 347-7078 or childcare@brutonparish.org.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 1

Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am
Children's Church @ 9:15am **
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15 & 11:15am
Evening Prayer @ 5:30pm

Sunday, December 8

Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am
No Children's Church in St. Mary's Chapel as St. Nicholas visits Bruton @ 9:15am
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15 & 11:15am
No 5:30pm service because of Grand Illumination.

Sunday, December 15 & 22

Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am
Children's Church @ 9:15am **
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15 & 11:15am
Evening Prayer @ 5:30pm

Please see front page for
Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Worship

Sunday, December 29

Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am
Lessons & Carols @ 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

** St. Mary's Chapel in the Parish House

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, number and a brief message, and the clergy-on-call will return your call asap.

NEWCOMERS' CORNER

New members of Bruton 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 learn of the many ministries here at Bruton. Join us in the Custis House on Sunday, December 1.

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 9:15am 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 8.

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 donations to St. Nicholas themselves.



THE 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 13, 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 14, 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.



LOOKING FORWARD TO BEING AN ANGEL

Bill Dugge

Thank you to those who have generously given of their time and treasure to help those most affected by poverty — children and seniors. The Salvation Army emphasizes that Angel Tree donations may be the only Christmas gifts that some of these folks receive. Purchased gifts must be returned to the Parish House to Christine Britton's office by Friday, December 6.



POINSETTIAS FOR THE CHRISTMAS ALTAR

Contributions are now being accepted for the poinsettias that will decorate the Christmas altar. The deadline is Wednesday, December 4, 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 contact Dianne directly at (757) 870-3154 or poinsettias@brutonparish.org or if you have any questions.

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 8, from 2-6pm.

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

The Canterbury Association is excited to again 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, hot cider, or give them away as Christmas gifts. 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.

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS DAYTRIP FROM WILLIAMSBURG

Sacred Heritage Foundation

Enjoy a luxury Travel Coach to the Washington National Cathedral on Wednesday, December 18, just in time for the holidays! Leave from Williamsburg at 8am and spend the day in the National House of Prayer. Receive a private guided tour, worship in the Upper Choir, explore the collection of Nativity scenes from around the world, indulge in the Gift Shop, and return to Williamsburg around 7pm. If you'd like to participate, register at bit.ly/washingtondaytrip. For questions, please contact Lauren Stone at (757) 525-9282.



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!

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, December 8 & 22.

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

We continue to host a catered dinner at the Parish House for parishioners and friends on December 4, 11 & 18 this month (but not on December 25 or January 1) so we might eat and enjoy fellowship together. All are welcome, and parish committees or other ministries are encouraged to use this convenient meal as part of their time together. Meals will be catered (\$10/person, \$25/family), and you must RSVP by 4pm on the Monday before the meal at bit.ly/wednesdaydinners.



2019 IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER

Help satisfy the 2019 Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your traditional IRA!

Are you 70 ½ or better? If so, you must take a required minimum distribution for the year from your IRA. An IRA charitable rollover gift can satisfy all or part of that requirement. This allows you to transfer any amount up to \$100,000 directly to a qualified charitable organization such as Bruton Parish Church, without paying income tax on the distribution. The transfer does not generate taxable income or a tax deduction, so you benefit even if you do not itemize your tax deductions. We have an easy form that you can give (electronically or on paper) to your IRA administrator. Please call Marty Easton at (757) 345-2256. This is a way to complete a 2019 pledge or pre-pay a 2020 pledge.

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 2019 contribution for tax purposes, it must be either:

- placed in the offering plate on Sunday, December 29, 2019; or
- postmarked on or before December 31, 2019;
- or physically in the Parish House by 1pm on December 31, 2019.

Some people choose to pre-pay the next year's pledge. To do so, please write Annual Giving 2020 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 (757) 345-2256.

VESTRY INSTALLATION 2020

Congratulations to our new vestry members Dick Hodgson, Sally McConnell, Melinda Morgan and Jessica Pierson, who were elected during the Annual Parish Meeting on November 17 to a three-year term ending December 2022. Our thanks to outgoing vestry members Douglas Boller, Terri Cordle, Dick Estes, and Johanna Thompson for their service and devotion to Bruton. Installation of the 2020 Vestry will take place on Sunday, January 12, during the 9:15am service.

30 YEARS OF PRAYER, SERVICE & EVANGELISM: THE ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Karen Gordon

On Tuesday, October 29, 1989, the Bruton Chapter of The Order of the Daughters of the King® (DOK) was instituted to be an extension of Christ's Kingdom through prayer, service and evangelism. In addition to the main organizer, Ruth Ellis, the eight Charter members included: Frances Bell, Pat Deppe, Faye Fisher, Cynthia Lee, Babette Prince, Marion Robinson, Rosemary Travers, and Marion Wilson. The Rev'd Richard L. May, former rector of Bruton Parish Church, approved the Chapter formation.



The Chapter formed with the desire to provide spiritual service to the church. For the past three decades, The Daughters have met from September to June every year. When they gather each month, they share spiritual prayers, scripture readings, devotionals, prayer intercessions, discuss Chapter business, and include a book study. A prayer list is compiled and distributed to all members with prayer requests from parishioners, Bruton church guests, and clergy throughout the entire year. It is estimated that more than 50,000 people have been prayed for over the past 30 years!

The friendships and comradery the Daughters share is a special bond developed through service to the church and Christ. In addition to praying for the needs of others, the DOK has prepared the Bruton Parish Lenten Devotional for 20 years, and distributed up to 200 copies each year. The officers and members also participate in Regional and National Daughters of the King meetings.

Past-president Donna Marshall commissioned a banner for the Bruton Chapter in 2018. Bekah Davis, a Bruton choir member, designed, sewed, and completed the banner in 2019 which was dedicated in recognition of the 30th Anniversary on October 27 during the 9:15am service. The dedication was presided over by Chapter Chaplain, The Rev'd Lauren McDonald. Cynthia Lee, a 30-year charter member, carried the banner into the church.

We are going to be collecting single-serve snacks (cookies, chips, etc.) for the United Services Organization (USO) in Williamsburg and Norfolk until Thursday, December 5. Please bring your donations to the Parish House and place them in the DOK bin in the reception area.

The DOK Bruton Chapter currently has 35 members and welcomes new and transfer member applications. If you are interested in joining, meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month. For additional information or if you have any questions, send an email directly to daughtersoftheking@brutonparish.org, or contact either co-president Ricki Carson at (804) 229-5349 or Maridell Loomis at (757) 220-2835.



THE HOLIDAY SEASON BRINGS TO A CLOSE ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR AT THE GIFT SHOP

Sally McConnell, Chair Bruton Shop

The Bruton Parish Gift shop is brimming with everything you need for decorating and gift giving from Advent calendars, to holiday cards, jewelry, gloves, hats and even "Christmas Crackers." Hurry in and join our regular customers and visitors to Colonial Williamsburg who help support Mission and Outreach through their purchases at the shop.

Heading into the holiday season, the shop has had a very successful year due to the hard work of more than forty dedicated volunteers who "work" alongside the talented staff of Diane Koun, Pam Michael and Tori Hern. The merchandise mix of seasonal gifts, spiritual books, fashionable jewelry and weather-appropriate outerwear contributed to an increase in sales of 3% over last year.



This year we added the first parish "Jumble Sale" in October as a way of replacing revenue after the summer jewelry sale ended its multi-year run. We are pleased to report that we netted \$9,000 as a result of the sale. This was made possible by the wonderful donations parishioners made and to the hard work of many volunteers from the Shop and the Mission and Outreach Committee. The Jumble Sale was spearheaded by Joan Gorczyk and Carolyn Hoffman.

Thank you to the hard work of this year's shop committee: Betty-Wright Armbruster, Douglas Boller, Joan Gorczyk, Steve Hibbitts, Lynn Karlisch, Lois Polifka, Linda Thomson, Carolyn Thompson, Virginia Wood and Jean Winters. Scott Spence has joined the Committee as Heritage Center liaison and Ginny Elwell as Vestry representative.

"COME, LORD JESUS"

ADVENT QUIET TIME

Mark your calendar and save the date to join us on Wednesday, December 11, from 3-5pm in the church for an opportunity to prepare and remember the real meaning of Christmas and the importance of Jesus coming into the world. Spend a couple of hours in the church as evening falls. Take a break from the hustle of the holidays to pray. Listen to scripture and reflections, light a candle, sit in silence. Ponder things in your heart. Nourish your soul as we await the coming of the Christ Child.



Enter/exit quietly on the half hour or stay for the entire afternoon. For more information please contact Melinda Morgan at womentowomen@brutonparish.org. Thank you to Elizabeth Greaf for drawing the above picture of last year's Advent Wreath!

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Melinda Morgan

We are trying something different! Have you ever heard of a Reverse Advent Calendar? The Women of Bruton are sponsoring this type of calendar beginning Sunday, December 1, and ending on Tuesday, December 24. Copies of the Reverse Advent Calendar will be available in the church tower after the Sunday, December 1, morning services, at the receptionist desk in the Parish House during the week, or via email by contacting Melinda Morgan at womentowomen@brutonparish.org.

Instead of opening a special door each day and receiving something like a piece of candy, etc., the reverse calendar asks that you give something each day. At the end of the 24 days, you will have a bag or basket of 24 items suggested on the calendar to be provided to Latisha's House or Avalon. The bags or baskets can be brought to the Parish Hall by Epiphany (Sunday, January 5) when they will be delivered to Latisha's House or Avalon. Thank you in advance for your help and support! If you have any questions, contact Melinda Morgan at (703) 380-9875.

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 Alice Oates and are the words to "Love Came Down at Christmas" [Words (alt.): Christina Rossetti; The Hymnal 1982 Hymn 84).

Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, love divine;
Love was born at Christmas:
Star and angels gave the sign.



Worship we the Godhead,
Love incarnate, love divine;
Worship we our Jesus,
But where - with for a sacred sign?

Love shall be our token;
Love be yours and love be mine,
Love to God and neighbor,
Love for plea and gift and sign.



RIBBON CROSS FELLOWSHIP

RESUMES IN JANUARY

Due to the great work of so many Ribbon Cross makers, this ministry is taking a break from the monthly gatherings at Williamsburg Landing and will resume our fellowship on a quarterly, rather than a monthly, basis beginning again on Tuesday, January 14, 2020. Please encourage your family and friends to stop by the Bruton Parish Gift Shop soon, so you will have a chance to see all of the great holiday ribbon crosses! If you have any questions, please contact Melinda Morgan at WomentoWomen@brutonparish.org or Kathryn Smith at (757) 229-2188.

WOMEN TO WOMEN'S HALF-DAY

RETREAT

Thank you to all of the Bruton women who attended the Half Day Retreat on Saturday, November 9! We all learned a lot about our spiritual gifts and how we can help and grow!

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. Because of the Ice Rink on the Duke of Gloucester Street, you cannot park in front of the Gift Shop. When you arrive for your ride, you will be required to sign a release and liability waiver.



If you're a senior unable to bike anymore, please contact Christine Britton by the Friday before your ride at (757) 229-2891 or send an email directly to cbritton@brutonparish.org for more information and to schedule your ride!

BRUTON SINGLES

Heidi Elam, Donna Dodenhoff,
Eda Martin & 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.

Sunday, December 1 @ 5pm
Dinner @ Ichiban Restaurant & Holiday
Movie at New Town Regal Cinema
Come join us at 5pm at Ichiban Restaurant for dinner. We will then pick one of the great movies that are coming out for the holidays. Please rsvp to Eda Martin at (757) 253-1477.

Saturday, December 7 @ 2pm
W&M Winter Choral Concert @ Williamsburg
Presbyterian Church
Meet us at 1:30pm in the Church foyer. The always beautiful and inspiring W&M Winter Choral Concert will consist of the W&M Choir, Botetourt Chamber Singers, and Barksdale Treble Chorus at the Williamsburg Presbyterian Church, 215 Richmond Rd, Williamsburg, VA. Tickets will only be available at the door. \$10 general admission. Call Sandy Lenthall (757-229-6188).

Friday, December 13 @ 7:30pm
Jae Sinnett Zero To 60 Quartet: Christmas
Special @ Williamsburg Regional Library
Meet us at 7:15pm in the Library Lobby. Jae Sinnett is joined by saxophonist Ralph Bowen, pianist Allen Farnham, and bassist Terry Burrell in this Christmas performance guaranteed to make your evening swing. Enjoy holiday classics with a jazzy twist. Tickets: \$5 (Friends of WRL \$4). After the concert, we may stop somewhere for refreshment. Please rsvp to Donna Dodenhoff by at singles@brutonparish.org.

December 31 @ 7pm
New Year's Eve Dinner & Celebration
at Clai & Fritz's House
We will meet at 7pm for dinner at Center Street Grille in New Town. At 9:30pm, we are invited to 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. Please rsvp and contact Heidi Elam for more information at (757) 897-5012.

Left to right: Heidi Elam, Renate Cords, Lois Manes, and Craig Weaver (standing) attending the recent Bruton Singles "Good Shot Judy" event at the Williamsburg Lodge.



JUNIOR WARDEN'S CORNER

Ron Hurst

After several delays, exterior repairs and adjustments to St. Mary's Chapel have been completed. Longtime parishioners will recall multiple campaigns for siding repair and replacement going almost all the way back to the chapel's construction. The cause was the complex intersection of the chapel roof with that of the Parish House, which resulted in poor drainage. This was often compounded by the accumulation of leaves and pine needles from adjacent trees. The excess moisture regularly found its way into the walls and the window in the shop hall, causing both ongoing paint failure and rot in the ornamental rusticated siding.



Now, the roof lines have been cleaned up, the shop hall window has been eliminated, and extra-large gutters with leaf guards have been installed to carry away water. Decayed siding has been replaced and the exterior of the chapel has been painted. We owe a huge vote of thanks to fellow parishioner Bill Dugge, who stepped in to oversee the delayed project and efficiently carried it through to completion.

In other work, the long-planned replacement of the churchyard gate on Duke of Gloucester Street is in progress. The contractor is doing the initial work in his shop. The new gate and its flanking posts will be fabricated from acoya wood, which is highly rot resistant and will last for many years. The project should be completed before year's end.

As always, we commend parishioner Rick Boye, whose almost daily presence onsite is a critical element in overseeing completion of so much work to maintain the properties of Bruton Parish.

GUIDE MINISTRY

Our ministry needs YOU to serve the church. Many guides are retiring or moving away. We need you to serve as a greeter or as a guide. Join us and spend a few hours a week meeting people from all over the world. For more information, please contact Marcia Hibbitts at (757) 564-8240 or guides@brutonparish.org.

USHER MINISTRY

We have an ongoing need for new ushers at the 7:30am and 11:15am services! Please contact Ginny and Bill Dugge at ushers@brutonparish.org if you can help!

FIRST FRIDAYS RECOVERY SERVICE

This month First Fridays falls on December 6, the feast day of St. Nicholas. The service, hosted by SpiritWorks Foundation and Bruton, will be at 5:30pm in the choir of the church. It includes readings and prayers that focus on helping people find ways to live faithfully in the midst of any kind of suffering, especially individuals and their loved ones who are living with addiction, co-dependence, mental illness, and trauma. Please join us at this candlelit service where tears are welcome, joy is celebrated, and all are accepted exactly as you are. Plus, this month we'll hear a little about St. Nicholas and the season of Advent. You don't have to be in recovery to attend.



M25 PROVIDES MATTHEW WHALEY STUDENTS WITH WINTER COATS & HOLIDAY FOOD BOXES

Alta Cassady

Forty-one students will now stay warm and dry during the winter months wearing new winter coats provided by the M25 Committee. The new coats will enable them to attend school during bad weather.

Janet Estes and Jo-Anne Hand delivered the coats in early November just in time for the first freezing weather with snow during the second week of the month. Jo-Anne approached local retailers and received gift cards in the amounts of \$200 from Target, \$100 from Walmart and \$25 from Costco. She used these gift cards when purchasing the needed coats.

In early December, M25 committee members will purchase nourishing food items for forty students and their families. During the two week winter break the students will not have access to the hot, healthy lunches they receive at school.

M25 committee members will pack the food items in boxes decorated in holiday gift wrap. The contents of these holiday boxes will provide healthy snacks and meals for the students and their families. These boxes will be delivered to the school during the first week of December.

When asked for comments, Kendall Almasian stated, "On behalf of the Matthew Whaley Community, we want to extend our sincere appreciation and gratitude to Bruton Parish for making a difference in the lives of students who are in need. Many of our students did not have a winter coat and now will be wearing a new one. The families are very appreciative of the holiday food boxes that will be going home with the students before the winter break."

Funds were provided for these two projects by a grant from the Bruton Parish Mission and Outreach grant. The M25 Committee is grateful for the grant and appreciate the support received from parishioners.

Below, Leslie Boye and M25 committee members wrapped boxes for food items last year.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO ASSIST TEACHERS & TUTOR STUDENTS

Alta Cassady

The second semester of the school year at Matthew Whaley Elementary School will begin in January, 2020. It will be a good time for new volunteers to begin assisting teachers and tutoring students.

Nineteen members of Bruton Parish Church have been volunteering at the school since the beginning of the first semester of the school year in September, 2019. They have provided students with additional encouragement and support.

Volunteer opportunities are not limited to the classroom. Completing tasks in the media room can be done at any time on any day for those who cannot commit to a certain time on certain days.

Parishioners working with the Matthew Whaley students have reported that the experience is very rewarding and that they feel as if they are making a difference.

Kendall Almasian concluded her remarks by saying, "We are grateful to have a partnership with Bruton Parish Church and commend you for your

community involvement and the positive impact you are making on the lives of our students."

When thinking of the new year to come, please consider working with the students and teachers at Matthew Whaley. For more information on the program, please contact Janet Estes by calling (757) 253-1682.



Matthew 25 (M25) supplied coats for 41 students at Matthew Whaley who need a warm winter coat. This was accomplished with support from Mission & Outreach and help from Target, Walmart and Costco. Above is Jo-Anne Hand and Kendall Almasian, Matthew Whaley Guidance Counselor.



Principal Robin Ford thanking all volunteers at celebration at Matthew Whaley last April, with Kendall Almasian.

Jackie Polizzi said, "Most people do not look forward to Monday mornings but I do — that is my Matthew Whaley time with 20 wonderful first graders and a teacher who is as full of energy as her class. I feel good about participating in assisting in writing, developing a full sentence, pasting, cutting, creating in many forms. This is my fourth year, and I hope I have many more special Mondays."

WOMEN'S POTLUCK DINNER & SPIRITWORKS' 3RD ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

Melinda Morgan

The Women of Bruton appreciate the great and lively turnout that we had for the Womens' Potluck Dinner on October 25. We had plenty of great food and really appreciated the opportunity to relax and spend time with each other!

Also, thank you to those who helped with the SpiritWorks Third Annual Holiday Craft Fair on November 2. The Women of Bruton were able to provide a wide variety of baked sale items, with lunch, and great afternoon activities! All to benefit the good works at SpiritWorks!

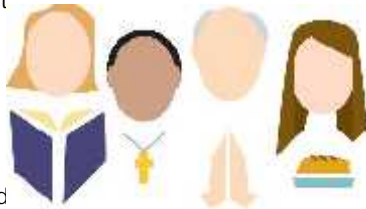


TRAINING FOR NEW LAY READERS IN 2020

Susan Allen

The Lay Reader program is a uniquely rewarding ministry whose participants read scripture at Sunday services, administer the chalice and lead the Prayers of the People at Holy Eucharist, officiate at Evening Prayer, lead Noonday Prayer services Monday through Saturday in the church, assist at weddings and funerals as needed, and assist clergy at assisted-living/nursing homes.

Training for new lay readers will take place next year in January and February. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Allen, Lay Reader Trainer, at layreadertraining@brutonparish.org.



WOMEN UNDER FORTYISH

WUF will meet on Sunday, December 8, from 1-2:30pm in the Youth Room at the Parish House. We will continue discussing scripture and reflections from The Way of Love Bible Challenge. This month's theme is "Worship." Childcare will be provided. If you're a youngish adult woman at Bruton, come share some food, fellowship, and spiritual conversation with your peers. Please contact the Rev'd Lauren McDonald for more information.

WOMEN'S THEOLOGICAL BOOK GROUP

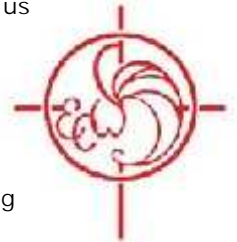
The Women's Theological book group will meet on Thursday, December 5, from 1-2:30pm in Room 206 of the Parish House. We will be discussing Ann Weems' Putting the Amazing Back in Grace. As the daughter of a pastor, Weems reflects on the church and faith of her childhood, exploring the wonder, fear, and questions she had as a child, weaving them into the seasons of the church year. Our next book will be The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World by the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu. We will meet at 1pm on January 23 to discuss it. All women are invited to join us! For more information, please contact the Rev'd Lauren McDonald.

ECW/WOMEN TO WOMEN

Melinda Morgan

Mark your busy calendars now and join us at any of the following events planned for the coming year!

- ❑ Wednesday, December 11
Advent Quiet Day
Join us in church from 3-5pm for quiet prayers and meditations during this busy season!
- ❑ Sunday, February 9-16, 2020
Please sign up to help during Bruton Parish's Winter Shelter. Lots of hands will be needed. Watch for details!
- ❑ Thursday, March 5: Silent Lenten Lunch
Join us in the Parish Hall at noontime for the Silent Lenten Lunch.
- ❑ Friday-Sunday, March 13-15: Women's Lenten Retreat at Chanco
- ❑ Sunday, May 10: Mother's Day Reception at the Custis House at 10:30am



Please note that there are many additional opportunities to be involved on a regular, recurring basis:

- ❑ The Ribbon Cross Fellowship will resume meeting on a quarterly basis beginning January 2020.
- ❑ The December meeting of the Episcopal Church Women's Board Meeting will not be held in December. It will be held next on January 12, 2020 and continue on the second Wednesday of each month in the Coffee, Tea & Thee Room of the Parish House.

BRUTON BUILDERS: JOIN THE FUN

Isabel Burch

You are invited to join Bruton Builders now! We are in the process of powerwashing and painting the outside of our Parish House. The veteran Bruton Builders have made a lot of progress on this project, but we need some help.

We are asking our 40-ish (plus or minus 10 years) parishioners to help us for a one-time experience. We need someone who is not afraid or unable to get up on a ladder. The workers pictured in the photograph are all in their 80's and would love some help from our younger fellow parishioners. Please help us finish a couple of parts of this project, and you might have so much fun that you will want to join us on our other projects.

Once we have completed the Parish House project, we will be building a ramp for a resident in the Grove area of Williamsburg. Housing Partnerships has identified someone who needs this ramp, and we look forward to building it for this person.

If you are interested in helping us complete the painting job at the Parish House, email builders@brutonparish.org or call Isabel Burch at (757) 253-0074. You are also invited to contact us if you would like to help on our other projects. It is fun!



MISSION AND OUTREACH GRANT COMMITTEE IS BUSY

Isabel Burch

Mission and Outreach (M&O) is staying busy with a number of different projects. In September, we organized the Apple Tree project that was developed by the Salvation Army. Bruton Parish filled bags for 100 children as they prepared to go to school. The bags included a new outfit for each young person who was identified by the Salvation Army.

We are in the process of distributing grocery bags for our Thanksgiving Food Drive for FISH. These bags of non-perishable food will be delivered to FISH the day after Thanksgiving. Parishioners will help deliver the bags as well as assist in stocking the shelves in the Food Pantry at FISH. Please contact Lynn Smyth if you would like to help with the delivery at Thanksgiving4FISH@brutonparish.org.

The M&O Committee is also organizing the Angel Tree project in conjunction with the Salvation Army. We are distributing 100 tags for children in need. The tags list a toy which the child dreams of having as well as the child's sizes for a clothing outfit. There are also tags for 20 seniors who have needs. Our committee thanks the many parishioners who have helped us to help others in need.

Finally, the Mission and Outreach Grants Committee is in the process of reviewing the grant requests we have received from many agencies both local, national and international. The committee will be finalizing their decisions about these grants by the end of November.

LOCAL AGENCIES BENEFIT FROM BRUTON'S GALA INAUGURAL ORGAN RECITALS

Isabel Burch

Bruton Parish Church's pews were filled to capacity for the Gala Inaugural Organ Recitals on September 7th and 8th. Gordon Stewart, Resident Concert Organist at Huddersfield Town Hall in England, delighted the audience with his varied repertoire as well as his descriptions of each piece that he played. He spoke about our excellent new organ and thanked all of the people from Dobson who attended the recital.

At the end of each concert, a freewill offering was received. The offering totaled \$3,766 which was equally divided between two local agencies, FISH and SpiritWorks. Not only did many people enjoy a wonderful evening of beautiful music, but these two worthy local agencies will be able to assist people in need as a result of the freewill offering. Mary Kafes accepted the check for FISH, and the Rev'd Jan Brown received the check for SpiritWorks.



IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP FOR THE WINTER SHELTER

Diane Abdo & Anna Martin

In support of the 8th year of Community of Faith Ministry (COFM), Bruton Parish is again hosting the winter shelter the week of February 9-16, 2020. 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 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 click the "Winter Shelter" link or go directly to the online site at bit.ly/COFMBPC2020.

Please consider volunteering or making a contribution in support of this important ministry. COFM has asked that we not contribute clothing, but your financial support is welcome. If you prefer not to sign up online, please call Diane Abdo at (757) 253-2371 or Anna Martin at (757) 258-9527.



"WARM UP" WILLIAMSBURG

"Warm Up" Williamsburg will be dishing out delicious soups, stews and chowders at their soup tasting dinner at Williamsburg Community Chapel (3899 John Tyler Highway). This event on Friday, January 31, 2020, from 5:15-8pm, benefits the Community of Faith Mission (COFM) Emergency Winter Homeless Shelter. Local band Elderberry Jam is back by popular demand and their Bake Shop is going to be more delicious than ever. Tickets will go on sale sometime in December. For further information, please follow them on Facebook or go to COFM.info. If you have questions or wish to volunteer or provide items for their bake shop, contact (757) 903-7031 or Warmupwilliamsburg@gmail.com.



Welcome to the Good Book Club at Bruton! Starting Monday, January 6, we will be doing the 50 Day Bible Challenge: The Way of Love. Each day has a passage from scripture, a daily reflection, and some questions for discussion. If you would like to order a book, please contact the Rev'd Lauren McDonald at lmcdonald@brutonparish.org. They are \$12 each if we order ten or more.

You can participate in several ways:

- Join in the online discussion group on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/1956489351235251 Or contact Lauren for help joining the group
- You can read along at home.
- Let Lauren know if you would be interested in a face-to-face discussion group on Thursdays.

CHURCH-WIDE GLOBAL #ADVENTWORD

The Episcopal Church

For the sixth year in a row, #AdventWord will gather prayers via its global, online Advent Calendar. Virginia Theological Seminary is offering 24 meditations and images during this holy season beginning Sunday, December 1.

Images and meditations can be experienced through direct daily emails, and on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Join an international, ecumenical community in prayer to explore the mystery and wonder of Advent. You're invited to help create this global, online Advent Calendar by participating in any of the following ways:



- ❑ Sign up on www.AdventWord.org to receive a brief visual and written meditation from December 1 through Christmas Eve, or
- ❑ Follow and visit: www.instagram.com/adventword, www.twitter.com/AdventWord, or www.facebook.com/AdventWordOrg.

The words for 2019 are listed below. Please share them with friends and family who would enjoy participating. #AdventWord is an ecumenical project! We welcome posts that resonate with #AdventWord from all persons. You can find the words in various formats as well as other resources to share at www.AdventWord.org.

This Advent, participants will deepen their understanding of the coming of Jesus into the world through practices of meditation and prayer. Come pray with us!

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| 1 December - #Unexpected | 13 December - #Water |
| 2 December - #Visit | 14 December - #Gather |
| 3 December - #Time | 15 December - #Turn |
| 4 December - #Humble | 16 December - #Learn |
| 5 December - #Raise | 17 December - #Pray |
| 6 December - #House | 18 December - #Worship |
| 7 December - #Unity | 19 December - #Bless |
| 8 December - #Worthy | 20 December - #Go |
| 9 December - #Root | 21 December - #Rest |
| 10 December - #Grace | 22 December - #Restore |
| 11 December - #Confess | 23 December - #Message |
| 12 December - #Harmony | 24 December - #Beloved |

A TIME FOR REFLECTION, A WOMEN'S GUIDED GRATITUDE WORKSHOP @ CHANCO

Don't miss our Women's Advent Retreat from December 6-7!

This year, Chanco is hosting a very special women's retreat A Time for Reflection, A Women's Guided Gratitude Workshop, sponsored by the ECW of the Diocese of Southern Virginia. Join women from around our diocese as we gather together to explore a fresh new approach to journaling as an avenue for spiritual discovery, renewal, and enrichment.

Retreat facilitators include the Rev'd Catherine "Cathy" Tyndall Boyd of St Martin's, Williamsburg and Ms. Nanette Fimian Randall, founder of Memoirs by Design. Visit bit.ly/DIOADVENT2020 for more information to share with your friends, and visit bit.ly/CHANCORETREAT2020 to register today! Don't wait, space is limited for this fantastic event! If you have any questions, please contact Chanco at hospitality@chanco.org or 888-724-2626.



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC: MEMBERS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN SURVEY

The Episcopal Church

The Task Force to Respond to the Opioid Epidemic, created by legislation at the 79th General Convention, is seeking input from lay and ordained leaders throughout the church about the local response to the opioid epidemic through the short survey available at bit.ly/OPIOIDSURVEY.

Resolution 2018-C037, "Call to Respond to Opioid Epidemic," calls on all dioceses and parishes in The Episcopal Church to respond to the opioid epidemic with training, pastoral care, advocacy, and liturgy. Central to this response are partnerships with local responders and others in the medical community, other faith communities and local recovery programs to offer pastoral care to those affected by this epidemic, and with other faith leaders to advocate with local and state government regarding policies and laws to promote healing and wholeness for those affected by this epidemic.

What would be useful for you in ministry with your community?

Responses requested
by November 27, 2019

This brief survey is designed to gather information in two areas: what is currently working in local contexts, as well as what kind of resources are still needed. There are eight survey questions and an open-ended space for sharing additional resource needs.

The information collected will help the Task Force to shape their work as they curate and create resources for real-life, church-based opioid response ministry for use by churches, organizations, and others in the communities we live, work, and worship in.

Please take a few minutes to help with the important work of loving our neighbors that this Task Force has been called to address. Your participation is appreciated!

CHILDREN & YOUTH FORMATION

The Rev'd Josh Stephens & Meghan Brewer

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

No Children's or Youth Programming on this Sunday. Happy Thanksgiving and join us in the "big" church for services on the First Sunday of Advent. Children's & Youth choirs will not meet until January.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

DINNER & ADVENT WREATH MAKING

All are welcome to join us during the Wednesday Fellowship Dinner at 5:15pm that evening (be sure to rsvp by Monday, December 2, at bit.ly/wednesdaydinners). After dinner, join us to make a wreath for Advent. To only participate in wreath making but not have dinner, email Meghan Brewer.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

Children's Church will NOT be held so that all families can come to the "big" church at 9:15am to bring their new, unwrapped toy or book. Saint Nicholas will collect and deliver these to FISH. Our Joyful Noise Choir will be singing during that service. Instead of Sunday School, all children and youth are invited to come for an Advent Story in the Parish Hall at 10:20am. To avoid Grand Illumination traffic, Youth Group will be held at Fr. Josh's house at 1107 Jamestown Road around the firepit. Middle School meets from 4-6pm, and high school meets from 5:30-7:30pm. Come for S'mores and pizza! We hope you'll also stop by the Parish House this day between 2-6pm to help support Canterbury's Grand Illumination Fundraiser.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

Children's Church will be held at 9:15am in St. Mary's Chapel, followed by Sunday School for all children in the Parish House. Our children's and youth choirs resume in January. Youth Group will be held here at the Parish House from 4-6:30pm with hot chocolate, pizza and ice skating!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

Children's Church will be held at 9:15am in St. Mary's Chapel, followed by Sunday School for all children in the Parish House. No choir until January. Our Children's Christmas Pageant Rehearsal will be held in the church at 2pm — we only rehearse the pageant once!

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

For those participating in the Children's Christmas Pageant, please meet us in the Custis House at 2pm to dress for the pageant and prepare to walk over to the church for the service which begins at 3pm.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

Children's & Youth programming will not be held this day.

YOUTH HEAD TO SNOWSHOE SKI RETREAT IN JANUARY

Our middle and high school youth are invited on a fun ski trip retreat to Snowshoe Mountain in West Virginia from January 25-27. Like in the past two years, we will stay at Cass Scenic Railroad State Park in the old company housing. At the request of the youth skiers, this year we will have two days of skiing rather than just one. We will also take time for prayer and reflection, including a Eucharist together on the trip. Costs and details should be available by early December.

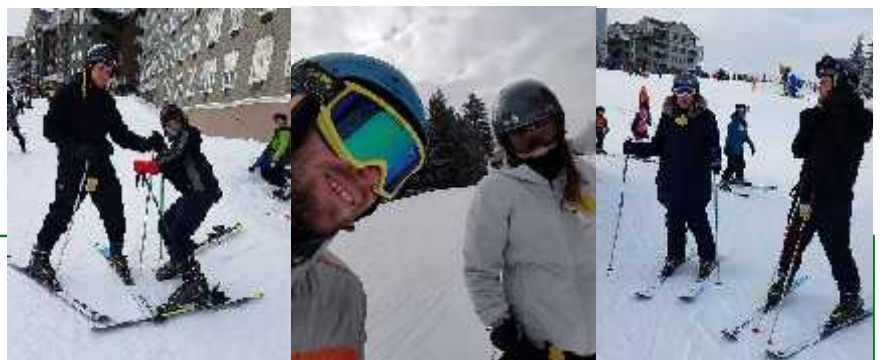
SUMMER YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO ASHEVILLE WILL HELP STUDENTS SEE THE WORLD AS CHRIST SEES IT

This summer, Bruton Parish is leading two trips to Asheville to work with Asheville Youth Mission (AYM) in various ministries in and around the unique Western North Carolina city. Each day will be a bit different: one day we might help with a camp for kids with intellectual disabilities, another day we might work at a garden that connects the hungry with fresh vegetables, and yet another day we walk the streets and sidewalks that the homeless walk as they try to find shelter and restrooms, check mail, and simply get by.



Our middle schoolers will leave on Sunday, June 14 and return June 21, and our high schoolers will leave on July 5 and return July 13. Both groups will take time to rest after their work so they can enjoy encountering God in creation. Watch for sign-ups which will be available in December!

Below is a picture of some of our youth group making College Care Packages which were sent before Thanksgiving to parishioner's children who are away from home this holiday.



FUN AT THE FALL FELLOWSHIP FESTIVAL

Meghan Brewer

As we wrap up another great year with our parish-wide Fall Fellowship Festival, we are grateful for all of those who helped make it possible and all who came out to enjoy great seafood, face painting, and fellowship. Despite the unpredictable weather we had that day, there was still fun had by all!



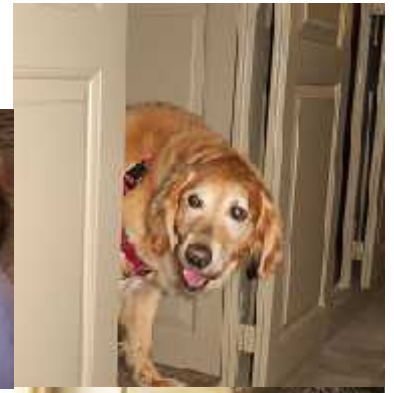
REMEMBERING ST. FRANCIS THROUGH THE BLESSING OF THE PETS

The Rev'd Josh Stephens

Francis of Assisi or St. Francis lived in the late 12th and early 13th century. It would be hard to name a Saint who is more beloved and whose popularity is still growing. You will find St. Francis's statue standing in almost every garden if the gardener is a person of faith. The current bishop of Rome chose to take on the name of St. Francis in beginning his oversight of the Roman Church. And in Episcopal circles, almost every parish hosts a Blessing of the Animals in the fall to commemorate the feast of St. Francis on October 4th.

At Bruton Parish, many parishioners say their favorite Eucharist service each year is on the first Sunday of October when we throw the normal customs out the tower doors and welcome in dogs, cats, and the occasional chicken — but mostly dogs — to join in our worship and receive a special blessing from our priests. We belt out Hymn 400, commonly known as "All Creatures of our God and King," as we process in joyfully. Even faithful canines are heard joining in the singing.

What does our practice of blessing animals have to do with the medieval saint who started an international monastic order and brokered a temporary truce in the Crusades of his day? Probably not a whole lot! As the 2003 Episcopal manual Lesser Feasts and Fasts says, "Of all the saints, Francis is most popular and admired, but probably the least imitated; few have attained to his total identification with the poverty and suffering of Christ." We can say this: In giving up worldly comforts and taking on the poverty of Christ, Francis gained true gentleness in spirit. It is said that even wild animals found his presence to be a peaceful one and that Francis welcomed them. Making time for God's creatures is one way to make time for God if we realize that "From thee alone all creatures came" (Hymn 406 by Francis of Assisi). If your pets help you be more gentle and patient followers of Jesus, then I think Francis would be glad we take time to welcome and bless our furry friends.



CANDLELIGHT CONCERTS & HISTORICAL ORGAN RECITALS

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).

Tuesday, December 3 - Holiday Handbell Concert
Bruton Parish Tarpley Ringers, Rebecca Davy, Director
& Handbell Choir from First Baptist Church, Scotland St.
Reggie Fox, Director, with JanEl Will, Organist

Thursday, December 5 - Holiday Handbell Concert
Bruton Parish Tarpley Ringers, Rebecca Davy, Director
with JanEl Will, Organist

Friday, December 6 - Holiday Choral Concert
Saint Gertrude Honors Choir from Richmond, VA
Carrie Haacke-Golden, Director

Saturday, December 7 - Holiday Choral Concert
Smooth Tones - Wandalyn Boley, Director

Tuesday, December 10 - Holiday Choral Concert
Journey through Advent - Bruton Parish Choirs
& Orchestra - Rebecca Davy, Director

Thursday, December 12 - Holiday Choral Concert
Manassas Chorale - Becky Verner, Director

Friday, December 13 - Holiday Choral Concert
Impromptu Community Choir from Richmond, VA
Amy Hruska, Director

Saturday, December 14 - Holiday Choral Concert
New Dominion Choraliers Community Choir from Prince
William County, VA - Katherine Nelson-Tracey, Director

Tuesday, December 17 - Holiday Voice & Organ Recital
Laraine Smith, Soprano & William Owen, Organist

Thursday, December 19 - Holiday Choral Concert
One Accord Choir from First Baptist Church
in Richmond, VA - Philip Mitchell, Director

Saturday, December 21 - Holiday Choral Concert
Tabernacle Baptist Church Choir from Richmond, VA
Judy Fiske, Director

Thursday, December 26 - Christmas Organ, Harpsichord
& Flute Recital - Rebecca Davy, Bruton Music Director
with Darla Wilmot, Flute

Saturday, December 28 - Acoustic Guitar Recital
Louis Vangieri, Guitarist from Williamsburg, Virginia

Sunday, December 29 @ 9:15 & 11:15 am
Nine Lessons & Carols - Bruton Parish Choirs
Rebecca Davy, Director & JanEl Will, Organist

Tuesday, December 31 - Holiday Organ Recital
Rebecca Davy, Bruton Music Director

HISTORICAL ORGAN RECITALS

The College of William & Mary Wren Chapel @ 10am

Monday, December 2 - Rebecca Davy
Thursday, December 5 - Rebecca Davy
Friday, December 6 - Thomas Marshall
Saturday, December 7 - Rebecca Davy
Monday, December 9 - Norman Elton
Tuesday, December 10 - Rebecca Davy
Thursday, December 12 - Rebecca Davy
Friday, December 13 - Thomas Marshall
Saturday, December 14 - Rebecca Davy

Monday, December 16 - Rebecca Davy
Thursday, December 19 - Norman Elton
Friday, December 20 - Rebecca Davy
Saturday, December 21 - Thomas Marshall
Monday, December 23 - Norman Elton
Tuesday, December 24 - Rebecca Davy
Thursday, December 26 - Rebecca Davy
Friday, December 27 - Thomas Marshall

JOIN THE CONSECRATION CHOIR

Come and sing with the Consecration Choir to help celebrate the election of the Rev'd Susan B. Haynes as the 11th Bishop of Southern Virginia! The Ordination & Consecration of the 11th Bishop of Southern Virginia will be held February 1, 2020 at 11am in St. Bede Church (3686 Ironbound Road, Williamsburg). We are hoping singers from across the diocese will join in this special event. You do not need to be a member of your church choir to participate.

You must commit to attend at least one of the regional rehearsals and are encouraged to attend more than one rehearsal if your schedule permits. You must attend the choir warmup on Saturday, February 1 at 9am at St. Bede's Church in Williamsburg. Proficiency in choral music reading ability (four-part singing) is recommended. Visit bit.ly/BI SHOPCHOIR2020 for complete details and registration.

HOLIDAY MUSIC AT BRUTON

December 3 & 5 @ 8pm
Tarpley Handbell Ringers
Holiday Concerts

December 10 @ 8pm
A Journey Through Advent
Bruton Choirs & Orchestra
to include Ave maris stella
by Cecilia McDowall

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

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

December 29
9:15 & 11:15am Services
Christmas Lessons & Carols



Ave Maris Stella, Cora Altreia, Artist



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FRIENDS OF BRUTON LAUNCHES ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

Jim Morford

In keeping with its mission to promote and preserve the spiritual and historic heritage of Bruton Parish Church, the Friends of Bruton Committee has initiated a project to capture the memories of long-time members of Bruton. In what is hoped will become an all-church project, a working group coordinated by Bill Armbruster is developing the project. Group members Linda Rowe and Anne Conkling are lending their expertise gleaned from their experiences with similar projects. The project is also benefiting from the enthusiastic participation of William & Mary student Azana Carr, who is sharing her experience with oral history programs.

A preliminary list of nearly three dozen people who are either long-time members of Bruton or have in depth knowledge of the church and the community has been developed. The 17th, 18th and 19th century histories of our parish are preserved in the written record. While those resources also exist for the modern history of the church, we will be adding an oral history by capturing the recollections of those who have experienced the life of the church for the past several decades.

The project will involve interviews to be conducted by parish members who will visit with those who agree to participate and make audio recordings. The recordings will be transcribed and interviewees will be given the opportunity to review, edit or even redo the recording. In some cases it may be desirable to do a return visit and make a video of an especially interesting recollection that would lend itself to a video.

Recordings and transcriptions will be preserved and become a part of the permanent historic record of Bruton Parish Church. The records will be especially helpful if, at some time in the future, there may be an effort to write a definitive history of Bruton. The recordings may also serve to stimulate articles for The Bruton Fount. Other uses might include presentations in the Heritage Center and on the website.

The coordinating committee is developing the order in which letters of invitation will be sent to prospective candidates for interviews. The letters will spell out the details of the project. As Bill Armbruster writes in the invitation letter, "We are excited about this project and what it means to the preservation of the history of Bruton Parish Church."

CORNERSTONE RENEWAL

As the end of the year rapidly approaches, it's a good time to check up on your tax deductible charitable donations. If you have not already done so, be sure to renew your membership in the Cornerstone Circle. Cornerstone members help to fund Friends of Bruton projects such as the Oral History project discussed above. It's easy to make your tax deductible donation. Go online to our website at www.brutonparish.org, and click the green **GIVE** button. Be sure to choose FOB-Cornerstone Member under Select Fund.

If you wish to become a first-time member, with your initial contribution of at least \$100 you will receive a Bruton Parish Weathervane lapel pin. The weathervane is the symbol of Friends of Bruton. It is proudly worn by Cornerstone Circle members to show their support for the mission of Our Worldwide Congregation to preserve and promote the

spiritual and historic heritage of Bruton Parish Church. To make your donation by check, make your \$100 check payable to Bruton Parish Church, include Cornerstone Membership in the memo, and mail it to the church.



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