



Bruton Parish Episcopal Church

In the heart of historic Williamsburg, Virginia

A Gateway to Our Ministries

February 2019

This booklet is offered to help you become better acquainted with us. We know that by sharing our information on ministries with you, we can make it easier for you to become part of our community. If you are interested in joining any ministry that is open to all parishioners, please call the Committee Chairperson.



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The Mission of Bruton Parish Church

Walking through history into the future with Christ

The Mission of the people at Bruton Parish is — as it has been for over 300 years — to respond to God’s call to be channels of His love and power within our community and the world by:

Welcoming

all into a Christ-centered community that nurtures and values each member.

“Come to me ... and I will give you rest.”
(Matthew 11:28)

We strive to foster a family spirit of Christian unity by ensuring that all parishioners feel a part of our family regardless of their level of involvement, by incorporating newcomers into our community and encouraging them to share their gifts of ministry, and by welcoming our many visitors with Christian hospitality.

Practicing our Faith

through biblically-based liturgy, preaching, and music.

“... Worship the Father in spirit and in truth ... ”
(John 4:23)

We strive to celebrate the joy of the Gospel through the opportunity for personal spiritual nourishment in the unique beauty and heritage of our Episcopal liturgy. We provide four full services each Sunday, daily noonday prayers, and weekday celebrations of the Eucharist. Through our worship services, we seek to proclaim the Episcopal tradition to our Christian brothers and sisters, to remind parishioners and visitors alike of the religious roots of our forebears, to support the foundation of faith on which our country is built, and to introduce the unchurched to the Christian faith.

Teaching

young and old about God through our Anglican tradition.

“Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature
and in favor with God and man.”
(Luke 2:52)

We strive to grow every day in the knowledge and love of our Lord by placing a strong emphasis on Christian Education for all ages. To this end, we seek trained, dedicated leaders for a creative and attractive church school, lively youth groups, college ministries, seasonal special events, weekday and Sunday Bible study, and year-round adult formation and education classes.

Reaching Out

through our talents and resources to our visitors, our community, and our world.

“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”
(Acts 20:35)

Blessed by God, we strive to be good stewards of his gifts as individuals and as a community, to follow His commission to reach out and minister in His name to the needs of others, to actively participate in and financially support the work of the Diocese of Southern Virginia and of the Episcopal Church in America, and to work cooperatively with other denominations in our community. We seek to use our talents, resources, and unique opportunities to spread the good news of Jesus Christ to all people.

Our Buildings

The Church is in the center of the restored area of Colonial Williamsburg. Our beautiful, historic building reminds us of our past while our growing congregation sees its mission to be God’s faithful people in the parish we seek to become.

The Parish House is located one-and-a-half blocks west from our church (next door to Barnes & Noble). On the first floor, it houses our clergy, administrative staff, receptionist and Sunday School rooms (with diaper changing stations in the restrooms). The lower level contains the choir room, Hennage Library, and our music ministry offices. The second floor provides room for Bruton’s Deacon, Controller, Coordinator of Children’s & Youth Formation, Membership, and Development Director, along with the Coffee, Tea and Thee conference room, other general meeting rooms, and additional Sunday School classrooms.

The Bruton Parish Shop & Heritage Center is located in the Parish House, with the entrance on Duke of Gloucester Street.

The Rectory (adjacent to the Parish House) is located at 314 Prince George Street.

The Custis House, across the street from the church, is available for restrooms during Sunday services, Coffee Connections most Sundays between the 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. services, weddings, funerals, and small group meetings (a diaper changing table is also available).



Worship Services

All worship services will be held in the Parish House while the church is closed from Monday, February 4th through March for painting and the arrival/installation of our new Dobson Organ. Noonday Prayer will not be held during this time.

7:30 a.m. Sunday Service

Holy Eucharist Rite I is celebrated every Sunday. Organ music and hymns are a regular part of the service.

9:15 a.m. Sunday Service *

Holy Eucharist Rite II is celebrated at this Sunday service. The Joyful Noise (ages 3-5), the Choristers (1st - 3rd graders), the Cantores (4th grade through high school) and the Pelham Choir sing at this service.

9:15 a.m. Children's Church *

This age-appropriate worship service is held on Sundays at 9:15 am in St. Mary's Chapel in the Parish House for children K-5th grades, after which they join their families in the church for communion. Children may be dropped off at 9 am, and be sure to save them a seat in the church, as they process to the church and join the congregation at the Peace.

10:30 a.m. Christian Formation *

Adult classes are taught by clergy and laity. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to participate in the various educational opportunities available. Coffee Connections, a time for parishioners and newcomers to meet and enjoy conversation along with refreshments, is typically held in the Custis House across the street from the church or may be held in the Parish House during Sunday morning forums.

11:15 a.m. Sunday Service *

Holy Eucharist Rite II is celebrated every Sunday. The Chancel Choir sings sacred music, ancient and modern.

5:30 p.m. Sunday Service

Holy Eucharist Rite II is celebrated most Sundays and is officiated by the College Chaplain while The College of William & Mary is in session. Choral Evensong is held once each month throughout the year on either the second or third Sunday. During the summer months, Evening Prayer is led by a Lay Worship Leader.

Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer is said with the clergy in St. Mary's Chapel in the Parish House at 9:15 a.m., Monday through Thursday, and all are welcome.

Noonday Prayer

A Noonday Prayer service is held daily Monday through Saturday in the church for parishioners and visitors who wish to devote a few minutes of their busy day to corporate worship. The service is led by a vested Lay Worship Leader.

8:00 a.m. Tuesday Holy Eucharist

Holy Eucharist Rite II is celebrated in St. Mary's Chapel located in the Parish House at 8:00 a.m. every Tuesday. All are welcome to attend.

11:30 a.m. Tuesday Holy Eucharist at Williamsburg Landing

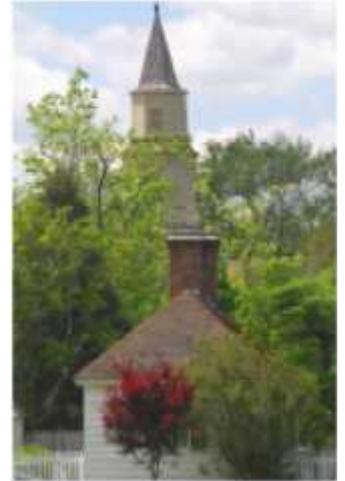
Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, with certain exceptions, celebrations of the Holy Eucharist are scheduled at 11:30 a.m. at Woodhaven Manor, the assisted living facility at Williamsburg Landing retirement community.

5:30 p.m. Tuesday Canterbury Service

Holy Eucharist, Choral Evensong or Evening Prayer is celebrated in Wren Chapel, located in the Wren Building at The College of William & Mary, at 5:30 p.m. during the college term. Although this service is intended primarily to serve the college community, everyone may attend.

11:00 a.m. Wednesday Holy Eucharist and Healing Service

Holy Eucharist is celebrated in the church every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m., followed by Healing Prayers with anointing and laying on of hands. All are welcome to attend.



* A nursery is provided at the Parish House for children under four years of age from 8:30 a.m. through the conclusion of the 11:15 a.m. service.

Children's & Youth Formation

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Children's Programs

There are many opportunities for the children of Bruton Parish. On most Sunday mornings we hold Children's Church in St. Mary's Chapel in the Parish House at 9:15 a.m., which is an age-appropriate worship service for children through 5th grade. Feel free to bring your child(ren) as early as 9:00 a.m., then head to the church and save them a seat. They will process to the church and join the congregation during the Peace. Occasionally, we celebrate the Holy Eucharist so that children of this age group may begin to become familiar with communion.

Throughout the year we have sessions of Sunday School based on the Godly Play Story Curriculum (held September through May, with breaks in between). When Sunday School is not being held in the Parish House for children, we often have other exciting things happening such as Advent activities during the Christmas holiday or Lent activities leading up to Easter. A new Sunday School class was started for 3- and 4-year-olds where they work on crafts, Bible storytime, play, and snack time as well.

Just next door, our Nursery is available from 8:30 a.m. through the conclusion of the 11:15 a.m. Sunday service for our younger friends and visitors while their parents are attending the services in the church.

Additionally, there are amazing children's choirs, Joyful Noise, Choristers and Cantores, that meet each Sunday morning in the Parish House choir room to rehearse following Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. (or immediately after the 9:15 a.m. service if Sunday School is not held). They join the congregation in the church at 9:15 a.m. and sing once a month.

There are many opportunities for children and families to be involved outside of Sunday morning worship. We have begun Family Pancake Breakfasts held periodically, as well as children's services throughout the year on special nights such as Holy Week or Ash Wednesday.

Every summer, the children of Bruton Parish combine with St. Martin's and Hickory Neck Episcopal Churches for Vacation Bible School which opens the doors for children to learn important lessons of the Bible. Opportunities are available for youth, parents, grandparents, and everyone to be a part of this amazing parish!

The children's parish is constantly growing and finding new ways to have our youngsters of the church be involved and excited about learning more about the Word of the Lord and implementing it in their daily routines. The schedule of Children's Formation can be viewed on our parish website at www.brutonparish.org. Please contact us directly if you have any questions or great ideas about the program. We would love for you to join us and see how much fun we have!

Youth Programs

Youth at Bruton Parish (grades 6 - 12) have many opportunities for service, education, and fellowship. Through Sunday School and confirmation classes, they learn about the Bible and the church and consider how they relate matters of faith to their every day lives.

Through local mission opportunities (serving at the winter shelter or other homeless ministries, assembling manna bags, stocking the local food pantry), they live out their faith, often alongside adults in the parish who serve as mentors to our youth.

Through serving on Sunday mornings as acolytes, readers, chalice bearers, and ushers, they minister to and lead our congregation in worship.

Through fellowship at youth gatherings and outings, they build and deepen their relationships with their peers and adult mentors. Some of our youth also serve as mentors to our children through their presence and assistance at Children's Church and Vacation Bible School. A ski trip to local slopes is planned for annual fellowship!

Through annual mission trips they learn to play hard, work hard, and pray hard. We believe our time in service to others, in prayer and worship, and in having fun in creation can make a real impact on the world and on us.

Our youth are not isolated but are an integral part of the life of our parish where they worship, play, and serve as Christ's hands and feet in the world. Come join us!

If you would like to receive weekly updates of our programming, please send an email to either Meghan Brewer or The Rev'd Josh Stephens at the emails listed above.



Adult Christian Education & Formation

Adult Christian Education & Formation Committee

Heidi Elam, Chair

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The Christian Formation Committee oversees, facilitates, and evaluates the various Christian programs and activities offered at Bruton Parish. Its membership includes representatives from our programs (Church School for children; Adult Education; Parish Retreats; Youth Ministry; and special events). There are two or three offerings for adults on Sunday mornings (September - May). These include a traditional Sunday Bible Study Group (Living the Gospel being held in the Parish House at 11:00 a.m. while the church is closed) on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month and, periodically, Forum & Fellowship programs in the church or Lewis Hall. Coffee Connections on Sundays is a fellowship time for members of the parish, newcomers and visitors held in the Parish House while the church is closed following the 9:15 am service. Through discussions of the Episcopal tradition, ethos and history, adults have an opportunity to grow spiritually and to explore the demands and needs of adult faith, nurture and family life. Persons interested in suggesting topics or serving on teams that plan adult classes should contact the committee chairperson.

Other Educational Offerings

A clergy-led Wednesday Brown-bag Bible Study is held in the Coffee, Tea & Thee room of the Parish House at noontime. Bring your lunch and gather weekly for this Lectionary-based Bible study 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 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. Take time out of your day and try this new exploration

The Thursdays@Bruton Series, coordinated by the Adult Christian Education & Formation Committee, are offerings ranging on a variety of subjects presented by members and/or local professionals on multiple Thursday evenings throughout the year (coffee and dessert precede each evening's presentation). A few of the recent programs have been:

- ❑ The Evolution of the Bible; How Then Shall We Live: A Discussion about Healthcare Ethics; Snake Oil or Cure? Clinical trials and how drugs get to market, how to take your medications safely, and how to search for reliable healthcare information on the web.

- ❑ The Evolution of the Book of Common Prayer
- ❑ Faith & Fear
- ❑ Faith Images, an exploration of the Christian faith for ALL on the journey.
- ❑ Rule of Life for Real Life, exploring the aspects of prayerful discipline in the practice of a rule of life.
- ❑ Christian Responses to Contemporary Life,
- ❑ What is Old is New: Spirituality of Ignatius Loyola,
- ❑ and, most recently, Four Major World Religions.

Christian Basics: A Class for New & Old Episcopalians (Inquirer's Series) are classes that prepare adults to be baptized, confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church.

The classes also serve as an excellent refresher for long-time Episcopalians, who may want to review some foundational teachings of the church. The Inquirers' Series is a course designed for those seeking to understand



the Christian faith and its expression through the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. The classes are offered annually and are announced in The Chronicle, Bruton Bytes, and on the website.

Confirmation classes for young people in the 10th grade and above are offered periodically. It is announced in the monthly newsletter The Chronicle, the weekly emailed Bruton Bytes, Sunday bulletins and the website. This series prepares youth to be confirmed by the Bishop in the Spring and attendance is required for confirmation.

Education for Ministry (EfM), a four-year program, is offered in the afternoon once a week during the year. EfM is an adult spiritual formation program aimed at enabling students to live into their Baptismal covenant and discern lay ministry opportunities. It progresses through the Old Testament, New Testament, Church History and Theologies. Registration is in November, and classes begin in January.

In addition to regular Sunday adult classes, there are seasonal classes, Bible studies, family programs and worship planned usually during Advent, Lent, and other times as announced.

Ministries & Programs

Acolyte Program

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acolyting@brutonparish.org

The Acolyte Program consists of young people who assist in carrying out the liturgy of the worship service. Acolytes assist with service liturgy by lighting candles, carrying the cross or candles, assisting in the preparation of Holy Eucharist and other duties. Acolytes also serve as Youth Readers at the 9:15 a.m. service. This program is open to youth.

Generally, acolytes meet as needed. As a rule, there is a training and organizational meeting held at the beginning of the school year, at which: 1) new members are welcomed; 2) a general introduction to the program is presented; and 3) Acolytes are fitted for robes. Individual training and practice sessions are conducted for those who feel a need for additional help or encouragement.

Altar Guild & Floral Guild

Altar Guild Sacristan: Marty Jones
757-229-9401 or altarguild@brutonparish.org

Floral Guild: Marty Jones & Dianne Spence, Co-Chairs

Dianne Spence, Memorial Flower Coordinator
757-229-4915 or flowers@brutonparish.org

The Altar Guild prepares the altar for worship services and provides care for flowers, silver, linens, and liturgical hangings. The Sacristan provides training to women and men who are interested in serving on the Altar Guild. The Memorial Flower Coordinator provides information on memorial flowers, Christmas and Easter flower gifts and arranging, and weekly flower care.

A Floral Guild Ministry creates the arrangements that grace the altar each week. As in other flower guilds, teams work together on a rotating basis. No experience is needed, just a desire to participate in further beautifying our lovely altar. These ministries are open to all willing to serve.



Canterbury Association

The Rev^d Dr. Daniel W. McClain
Associate Rector & College Chaplain
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Hannah Hall & Nathan Troutman, Canterbury Co-Wardens
Canterbury is the Episcopal Chaplaincy to the faculty, staff and students of The College of William and Mary. This friendly Christian community welcomes everyone to join our services, study programs, outreach, activities and fellowship. They have weekly gatherings while the college is in session. These include the 5:30 p.m. service of Holy Eucharist on Sundays at Bruton followed by supper at the



Parish House; a mid-week service at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Wren Chapel on campus, followed by dinner at the Marketplace; and Bible Study at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings.

Throughout the year, Canterbury gathers to participate in local, and periodically international, outreach activities and holds fundraisers during the year in support of these missions. They support one another by prayer and explore our spiritual life through retreats, Bible study, meditation, worship (including compline by candlelight) and music. Visit their website at www.episcopalwlm.org for upcoming events.

Chronicle Team

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The Chronicle is the Bruton Parish newsletter which is distributed to Baptized Members, Communicant Members, Associates, and Newcomers. The newsletter is published once a month and includes information concerning service schedules, the many activities taking place at Bruton, a calendar of events and special days, and messages from the clergy. The team meets once a month, usually on the fourth Thursday morning, to assemble each edition. In order to be responsible stewards of our resources, we encourage members to receive their issues via email in order to reduce printing and postage costs (a limited number of physical copies may be available in the Parish House and in the church Tower the Sunday after the newsletter is published). **The newsletter is also available on our website.**

Counting Team

Steve Hibbitts, Treasurer
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Every Monday morning, the team assists the Comptroller in counting contributions made during the offertory at Sunday services (includes pledge envelopes, checks, plate cash, Tower box contributions and other collections). New team members are always welcome.

Communications

Hilary Cooley, Communications Director
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Bruton utilizes many forms of communication to keep our parishioners abreast regarding parish ministries, news and events, such as:

- ❑ The [Website](#), our “megabytes” of communication to our members, local community, and the world, is kept as up-to-date as possible so all may worship with us and enjoy fellowship. There is a Parish Access Only portion of our website which requires a username and password (please visit our website for access).
- ❑ [The Chronicle](#), our “gigabyte” of communication, is typically sent on the fourth Thursday of the prior month. We will send your issue via email to be better stewards of our resources. The newsletter is also available on our website.
- ❑ Bruton Bytes, our weekly “kilobytes” of email news, is sent every Wednesday afternoon.
- ❑ Sunday Bulletin Announcements
- ❑ Press Releases, Brochures & Special Mailings
- ❑ Social Media (Facebook)

Cursillo in the Diocese of So. Virginia

Suzanne & Carter Cowles

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The word Cursillo means short course, such as one would run in a race. The name, Cursillos in Cristiandad, has been translated as “short courses in Christian living.” This movement within the Church is intended to help Christians learn and live what is fundamental to being a Christian, and help these same Christians discover and live out a Christian vocation. Another way to express the same idea is that Cursillo is intended to make apostles out of saints. We are already saints when we know God’s love and grace and live our lives from this knowledge. We become apostles when we recognize our mission to share the same knowledge with others. Cursillo helps Christians to measure the depth of their faith, to get on with their mission in the world, to connect them with others with the same goals in networks, and to hold up examples of ordinary Christians who are acting as apostles in their ordinary life.

Cursillo is an event in the life of the church which is done in community. You must have a Cursillista sponsor who will be able to answer your questions and tell you more about life in the Fourth Day, which is unique to Cursillo. In addition, you must have the endorsement of the Rector. If you are interested in Cursillo, contact the Parish House to get more details about Cursillo, along with an application. The next step would be to speak with the Rector, and then contact Suzanne or Carter Cowles to put you in touch with people in the parish who are Cursillistas. Talk to them; they will help you with the application process. You can also talk to some of the Cursillistas you may already know, and [you can visit our diocesan website for more information.](#)

Daughters of the King (DOK)

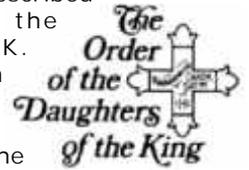
Donna Marshall, President

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The Order of the Daughters of the King (DOK)[®] is a lay order of women, the purpose of which is to provide “the

extension of Christ’s Kingdom through prayer, service and evangelism.” Each Daughter undertakes a Rule of Life, incorporating the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service as a life-long commitment.

Before induction, there is a prescribed period of study to learn about the commitment required as a DOK. Membership brings strength through prayer; learning through individual and group study; encouragement through sharing; discipline through following the Rule; opportunities for service and ministry; and fellowship with other Daughters in the diocese, province, national and international community. The Bruton Chapter meets on the first Thursday of the month at 9:30 am and 7 pm from September through June. We welcome interested women of the church to our meetings to learn more about what we do and encourage each to consider whether DOK may be a step in her spiritual journey.



Facilities & Property Committee

Mike Wanless, Facilities Manager

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Ron Hurst, Property Committee Chair

Rick Boye, Property Coordinator

Groups, committees and organizations of Bruton Parish desiring to use the Parish House facilities for meetings are requested to utilize the [Schedule an Event](#) form on the calendar pages of the Bruton website. Once completed and submitted, the Facilities Manager will schedule the event on the Parish Calendar. Information required for the calendar is: (1) event or meeting, (2) contact person, (3) date, time, room requested and (4) number expected to attend and special requests (i.e., set-up, chairs, video, etc.). Please contact the Facilities Manager to ensure an event is scheduled so it will not conflict with other activities at the Parish House. The [Church and Parish House calendars](#) are posted on the website.

Friends of Bruton: Our Worldwide Congregation

Jim Morford, Chair

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This outreach program offers an opportunity for those who may not be local parishioners to establish a continuing connection with our church. [Friends of Bruton](#) is an extension of our parish family with membership open to all whether here in Virginia or across the country — indeed throughout the world.



There are numerous con-nections that may lead to a desire to establish and maintain a relationship with our parish church. Some attachments may be the result of frequent visits; others may be former members who have moved from Williamsburg; still others because of a fondness for the area that developed when assigned here while in the military or as a result of visits with family when they were youngsters. William & Mary graduates, especially former members of the Canterbury Association, might welcome the opportunity for a continuing relationship with Bruton.

Friends of Bruton will provide these and others the opportunity to have a lasting association with Bruton Parish Church as members of our worldwide congregation.

Greeters

Terry McGuirk, 7:30 a.m. Coordinator (757-220-6708)

Carolyn Hohl, 9:15 a.m. Coordinator (757-565-5046)

Pat Hearn, 11:15 a.m. Coordinator (757-229-7263)

Greeters are parishioners who are often one of the first contacts with Bruton Parish. The Greeter meets and greets parishioners and visitors at all Sunday morning services. They are the “welcoming” group that obtains names and addresses so that a newcomers’ packet can be sent. Bruton Parish is dedicated to providing a welcoming and warm reception to our visitors, newcomers, and new communicant members. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please contact any of the coordinators above or send an email directly to greeters@brutonparish.org.

Guide Program

Marcia Hibbitts (757-564-8240), Alta Cassady (757-604-6964) or guides@brutonparish.org

Vestry Liaison: Doug Boller

The Guide program, initiated after World War II, is a volunteer ministry designed to provide accurate interpretation of historic Bruton Parish to the visiting public and to answer questions. The church is open every day of the year. Approximately 60 guides are trained by the church. The guides staff the church daily, usually three guides at a time for 2-4 hours per day, per guide. All matters pertaining to the guides (training, scheduling, replacements, information on church activities, etc.) are handled by the Guide Coordinator.

Heritage Center

Al Louer, Chair

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The Heritage Center, located in the front of the Parish House with the Bruton Parish Shop, tells the story of the parish, past and present. It includes an exhibit on the arrival of Anglicanism in America, the role of the parish in colonial life, and the development of the parish through the years. Important artifacts such as the original weathervane and the Edward VII Bible are on display. The Parish Records project



makes available early church documents of historic and genealogical interest on the parish website. The work of the Center is guided by the Heritage Center Committee, which includes representation from the Shop Committee, the Guides Program, and the Friends of Bruton.

Kitchen Ministry

Christine Britton, Interim

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If you enjoy cooking, planning, entertaining and working together, please consider joining Kitchen Ministry. Our goal is to foster fellowship, and we welcome everyone as we host funeral receptions and other special parish events centered around the kitchen. The Kitchen Ministry published a cookbook, *Beyond Loaves and Fishes*. The cookbook includes wonderful kitchen-tested recipes; original artwork from parishioners or local artists; and anecdotes and historical references from the church’s 300+ year history. The cookbooks may be purchased at the Bruton Parish Shop or from the Church Receptionist at the Parish House.

Hennage Library Committee

Bryant Cureton, Interim Chair

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The Hennage Library is a unique resource for the clergy, staff and people of Bruton Parish Church. It supports the Christian Education and Formation ministries, as well as individual spiritual and theological growth by allowing books and audio-visual aids to be borrowed. The focus is on providing up-to-date and broadly-based materials that users require through an electronic catalogue and search engine. The [Link Library](#) is an online supplement to the collection of physical books and other material in the Hennage Library. The Library Committee maintains this collection of links to online resources that may be of special interest to members of the parish and others.

Labyrinth Walkers

The Rev^d Lauren M. McDonald, Associate Rector
Outreach & Women’s Ministries

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The labyrinth walkers meet monthly, weather permitting, to walk the labyrinth located at Eastern State Hospital (13 Schmidt Road). Walking the labyrinth is an ancient form of walking meditation that allows us time to slow down, center, reflect, discern, pray, spend time with God, and just be. We gather at the labyrinth for prayer and then walk as a group with time to process the experience after the walk. Each walk lasts about an hour. First timers are welcome.



Licensed Ministry Program

Susan Allen, Lay Coordinator
757-784-2945 or layreading@brutonparish.org

The Licensed Ministry program is a uniquely rewarding ministry open to communicant members. 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. The Licensed Ministry program is Canonical: "A confirmed communicant in good standing ... may be licensed by the (Bishop) to serve" in these ministries. Each has a separate license. Diocesan: Our Bishop stipulates that a candidate for licensed lay ministry must be "faithful in corporate worship, in giving, praying, etc., for the good of the Faith." Parochial: Training sessions for Eucharistic Ministers and Worship Leaders are usually conducted on Thursday evenings, beginning in February and culminating in Holy Week services. The classes are led by licensed lay ministers. At the heart of our life together at Bruton Parish is our weekly gathering in community for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. In the post-communion prayer, we thank God for accepting "us as living members of [his] Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and" for feeding us "with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood."

Eucharistic Visitors are trained by clergy and experienced Eucharistic Visitors, and exercise a special ministry, being sent forth from the altar where the community has gathered and shared Communion, carrying the Body and Blood of Christ to parishioners whose illness, disability, or injury keep them from being physically present in church on Sundays. They go to homes and hospitals, usually in pairs; the ministry is a vibrant reminder of the connectedness of all the people as we take the bread and wine, bless it, break and share it as the body of Christ.

Each member of this Licensed Ministry Program can serve for three three-year terms. One must be a Communicant Member to serve. If you or someone you know would like to receive the Eucharist at home, or if you are interested in learning more about any lay Licensed Ministry, please contact the parish office.

Mission & Outreach Committee

Isabel Burch, Chair
757-253-0074 or mission@brutonparish.org

The Mission & Outreach Committee provides guidance and assistance to parishioners in fulfilling the mission to which every Christian commits at the time of Holy Baptism: to proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ; to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving their neighbors as themselves; and to strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.

The Committee seeks opportunities for hands-on mission work, educating parishioners about such opportunities and encouraging and assisting their involvement in mission work.

The Committee also fields requests and investigates the needs of non-profit organizations serving those in need locally, nationally, and internationally, to ensure that the funds appropriated by the Vestry from the Bruton Parish Gift Shop are put to the best possible use. Past monies have served agencies that deal with the homeless, abused and neglected children, disabled, health care, disaster and hunger relief and Christian education. Memorial gifts designated for Mission & Outreach are used to supplement grants and are subject to the same review/approval process as funds from the Bruton Parish Gift Shop.

Two groups which have formed under the auspices of Mission & Outreach are:

Bruton Builders

Bruton Builders partner with Avalon, Camp Chanco, Housing Partnerships of Williamsburg, Habitat for Humanity, and other local nonprofits to do a variety of projects including building ramps, painting, power-washing, and construction. For more information or to put your name on the Bruton Builders list, contact builders@brutonparish.org.

Matthew 25

Inspired by Jesus' words, Matthew 25: 35-36, the Matthew 25 Committee at Bruton is in partnership with Matthew Whaley Elementary, our closest neighborhood school. Volunteers provide individual tutoring to students as well as classroom support in grades K-5, the library and art room. Additionally, collections are taken for sweat clothes and coats in the fall; holiday boxes for families during the Christmas holidays; books to take home over Spring Break; and toys and games at the end of the school year. For more information or if you would like to volunteer, please contact Janet Estes or Johanna Thompson at M25brutonparish.org.



Newcomers Committee

Jim & Bet Vermillion, Co-Chairs
757-635-4291 or newcomers@brutonparish.org

The Newcomers Committee serves as the welcoming committee for those who are new to the parish. The committee ensures that newcomers are: welcomed at various programs established for newcomers; provided a mentor; briefed on Bruton Parish's ministries; and integrated into the various committees/ministries once they are informed of the desires/interests of the newcomers and new communicants. Newcomers Corner is held the first Sunday of each month in The Custis House with clergy, vestry and members of the committee.

Nursery

Meghan Brewer, Children's & Youth Formation Coordinator
757-229-2891 or mbrewer@brutonparish.org

A nursery is provided at the Parish House on Sundays for newborns through four years of age from 8:30 a.m. through the conclusion of the 11:15 a.m. services and other events.

Parish House Receptionists

Kathryn Smith, Chair

757-229-2188 or cbritton@brutonparish.org

Volunteers serve as receptionists in the Parish Office to direct visitors, assist the staff, answer the telephone concerning inquiries about the church and the many activities taking place at Bruton. The receptionist is scheduled in two shifts: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Volunteers are always welcome (complete an [online form](#) to volunteer). To participate, please contact Christine Britton, Parish Life Coordinator.

Parish Life & Coffee Connections

Christine Britton, Parish Life Coordinator

757-229-2891 or cbritton@brutonparish.org

Coffee and refreshments are available at 10:30 a.m. in the Custis House across the street from the church. If you would like to help with Coffee Connections, please contact Christine.

Parish Gift Shop

Diane Koun, Shop Manager

757-645-2052 or dkoun@brutonparish.org

Sally McConnell, Shop Committee Chair (757-220-1458)

Kathy Mullins, Shop Committee Vice Chair (765-418-8522)

Jean Winters, Volunteer Coordinator

757-564-1662 or shopscheduler@brutonparish.org

Vestry Liaisons: Doug Boller & Steve Hibbits

The Bruton Parish Gift Shop is located in the Parish House facing the Duke of Gloucester Street. It is open seven days a week to friends, parishioners, and the general public. Begun in 1995, its purpose is to extend the mission and ministry of Bruton Parish Church through the sale of religious and other meaningful items that express God's work in our world. The proceeds from these sales are provided to the Vestry in order to be distributed to various Outreach and Mission Ministries, and funds have exceeded well over \$2,000,000 to date. None of this would have been possible without our over 100 dedicated volunteers.

With the exception of the manager and two assistants, all who work at the Shop are volunteers. The volunteer staff assists customers and provides hospitality for the many visitors each day. These dedicated volunteers extend the ministry of the church and its congregation. The shop is an outlet for quality books and gifts that emphasize the religious, spiritual, historical, educational and inspirational significance of our lives. Please stop by



and be sure to call to volunteer your time (complete an [online volunteer form](#)). Everyone is welcome!

The following books about Bruton Parish Church can be found in the Shop: Bruton Parish Church Its Spiritual & Historical Legacy by Hugh DeSamper; Guide to the Memorials at Bruton Parish Church, Edited by Sue Godson - Maps by Joe Spruill - Photographs by Hal Lindsay and CW Foundation; Let the Anthems Swell by Jock S. Darling, Bruton Parish Church Organist-Choirmaster Emeritus; Beyond Loaves and Fishes: Recipes and Reflections from Historic Bruton Parish Church; and Dr. Carl Lounsbury's Bruton Parish Church: An Architectural History.

Pastoral Care Ministry Office

The Pastoral Care Ministry Office has been granted the privilege of sharing God's loving kindness with those whom we know are facing life-changing events. God's Holy Spirit is offered by: visiting; telephoning; sending prayerful notes; presenting blessed prayer shawls and baby blankets; and maintaining prayer requestes. With the support of our clergy and the Pastoral Care Ministry Office, and in coordination with our Parish Nurse, Eucharistic Visitors, Stephen Ministry, and Daughters of the King, our Bruton community remains a blessed communion.

The Pastoral Care Ministry office is located in the Parish House and is staffed periodically throughout the week by a Pastoral Care Coordinator or a Stephen Minister. They can be contacted at 757-645-2050 or PCM@brutonparish.org.

Bruton Singles

Co-Coordinators: Heidi Elam, Donna Dodenhoff, Eda Martin, Spence Witten, and Sandy Lenthall
Email singles@brutonparish.org

Bruton Singles is a fellowship ministry tailored towards members and parishioners of the wider community who are single. They typically get together once a week to attend various events in the parish and community (a monthly article is published in The Chronicle highlighting the various opportunities, along with updates communicated through our weekly emailed Bruton Bytes). Each event is typically accompanied with a meal and/or dessert (paid separately) at which those attending can enjoy fellowship and discussion. To participate, please email singles@brutonparish.org.

Stephen Ministry

Mary Jean Hurst, Stephen Leader
Referrals Coordinator & Co-Chair (757-810-5112)

John Fogarty, Stephen Leader
Referrals Coordinator & Co-Chair (757) 291-2927

(757-220-2087 confidentially)

Our congregation's Stephen Ministry equips lay people to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to individuals in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives.

Stephen Leaders are trained leaders in our congregation who oversee and direct our Stephen Ministry. It is a confidential ministry ... the identity of those receiving care and what takes place in each caring relationship remain private. Stephen Ministers are ready to provide the emotional and spiritual care we need when faced with a crisis or difficulty such as: (1) loss of a loved-one, (2) divorce or separation, (3) loneliness or discouragement, (4) spiritual crisis, (5) unemployment or a job crisis, (6) a terminal illness, (7) incarceration, (8) birth, adoption, miscarriage, or infertility, and many more. To contact a Stephen Minister confidentially, please call 757-220-2087 anytime.



United Thank Offering (UTO)

Bessie Bierer, 757-229-4678 or UTO@brutonparish.org

UTO strives to significantly impact the lives of women and children through Christ's love. To achieve this vision, UTO focuses on projects that implement change toward alleviating profound human suffering that the **Episcopal Church's Millenium Development Goals** have addressed. UTO is a spiritual and financial partner in the mission work of The Episcopal Church through every person in the parish and the Ingathering is held annually.



Ushers

Bill Dugge, Usher Master
302-853-0002 or
ushers@brutonparish.org

The ushers are often the "first impression" people receive of Bruton Parish Church. As such, they strive to maintain a warm atmosphere of welcome and orderliness within the church during worship services. Ushers welcome and seat worshippers, distribute the Sunday Bulletin, collect the offering, direct the flow of crowds at busy times and the Eucharist, and assist in maintaining a dignified atmosphere for worship in the church.

Women of Bruton/Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

Alice Oates, President (757-645-4321 or
ECW@brutonparish.org)

Melinda Morgan, Vice President (757-707-3962)

All women of Bruton are ECW members, and our vision is that we become a vibrant blend of all ages, coming together as a peacemaking, healing part of the church. We gather for fellowship and friendship four times a year — a Fall Coffee in September, a Holiday Tea in December, a Lenten Prayer Luncheon, and a Spring Luncheon & Ice Cream Social. ECW is also responsible for the United Thank Offering Ingathering each year.

Women's Evening Potluck

The Rev^d Lauren M. McDonald, Associate Rector for Outreach & Women's Ministries
757-229-2891 or lmcdonald@brutonparish.org

All women of the parish are invited to the Women's Evening Potluck Dinner that is held in a parishioner's home or at a restaurant once a month at 6:30 pm on a Wednesday evening. The group meets for the purpose of fellowship. Many women find that we have trouble making time for connection and conversation when we are programmed to be productive all the time.

Women's Theological Book Group

The Rev^d Lauren M. McDonald, Associate Rector Outreach & Women's Ministries
757-229-2891 or lmcdonald@brutonparish.org

This book group is open to all women of the parish to discuss works of fiction and non-fiction through a theological lens. Bring your lunch — typically every six weeks on a Thursday from 1pm to 2:30pm — for this brown-bag book group usually held in the Coffee, Tea & Thee room in the Parish House. Interested in a book group but not this one? Contact Debbie Rinner (757-345-2467) or Susan Morrison (757-564-9290) for information about two other ongoing book groups.

Women Under Fortyish

The Rev^d Lauren McDonald, Associate Rector of Outreach & Women's Ministries
757-229-2891 or lmcdonald@brutonparish.org

Young adult women at Bruton are meeting monthly for conversation on faith and spirituality, Bible study, and fellowship. If you are interested in being part of these gatherings, please contact the Rev^d Lauren McDonald.

Music Ministry

Bruton Parish's music ministry has a rich history that goes back more than 300 years. If you are interested in participating, please contact the directors as listed below. New singers, ringers, and ushers are always welcome and are heartily invited to join us!

Vestry Liaison: Jeanette Cureton

Pelham Choir

Rebecca Davy, Music Director & Organist
757-645-3431 or bdavy@brutonparish.org
Dr. JanEl Will, Accompanist, jwill@brutonparish.org

The Pelham Choir, named after Bruton's first organist, Peter Pelham, sings for the Sunday 9:15 a.m. Eucharist service. The choir rehearses each Wednesday evenings in the choir room at the Parish House (lower level).

Chancel Choir

Rebecca Davy, Music Director & Organist
757-645-3431 or bdavy@brutonparish.org
Dr. JanEl Will, Accompanist, jwill@brutonparish.org

The Chancel Choir sings for the 11:15 a.m. Eucharist service, and the choir rehearses each Wednesday evenings in the choir room at the Parish House (lower level). The Chancel and Pelham choirs combine for Choral Evensongs and major musical performances, such as the Christmas Concert and John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Concert, as well as significant feast day worship services.

Joyful Noise Choir

Genrose Lashinger, Director
757-221-0370 or joyfulnoise@brutonparish.org

Children 4 years old to kindergarten are invited to join the Joyful Noise Choir for rehearsal each Sunday during the school year at 11:00 a.m. in the choir room at the Parish House. The choir usually sings once a month from September through May for the Sunday 9:15 am service.

Choristers

Genrose Lashinger, Director
757-221-0370 or choristers@brutonparish.org

Youth in 1st through 3rd grades are invited to join the Choristers for rehearsal each Sunday during the school year around 11:00 a.m. in the choir room at the Parish House. The choir sings periodically from September through May for the 9:15 am service.

Cantores Youth Choir

Ann Porter, Director
757-564-7875 or cantores@brutonparish.org

Youth from 4th grade through high school are invited to join the Cantores Choir for rehearsal each Sunday during the school year at 11:00 a.m. in the choir room at the Parish House. The choir usually sings once a month from September through May for the Sunday 9:15 am service.

The Tarpley Ringers

Rebecca Davy, Music Director & Organist
757-645-3431 or bdavy@brutonparish.org

The Bruton Handbell Choir rehearses Mondays from September through May at 5:30 p.m. and rings for worship services once a month and two Candlelight Concerts each year. The choir has five octaves of Malmark handbells and three octaves of handchimes. The ability to read a musical score is a prerequisite, but both experienced and beginning ringers are welcome.



Candlelight Concerts

Rebecca Davy, Music Director & Organist
757-645-3431 or bdavy@brutonparish.org

Each year, more than 130 concerts are held in Bruton Parish Church. This outreach to the thousands of guests who visit our historic church is provided by the parish organists and gratis by other musicians in the Williamsburg community and around the world. Programs range from organ and harpsichord recitals to string and brass and choral programs. Unless otherwise noted, concerts are held in the church at 8 pm every Saturday throughout the year (doors open at 7:30 p.m.) and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from March through December. [Monthly schedules are posted on the church website.](#)

Concert Ushers

Les Hoffman, Coordinator
757-253-9877 or brutonconcerts@hotmail.com

Concert ushers help to make the Candlelight Concert Ministry possible. They prepare the church for concerts and greet both guest musicians and audience members, and head ushers additionally provide a short history of the church while a free-will offering is received. Volunteers are always needed to help in this unique outreach.

Sacraments & Memorial Services

Baptism

Christine Britton, Parish Life Coordinator
757-229-2891 or cbritton@brutonparish.org

Baptism is a sign of the reign of God on earth as in heaven. Baptism is both God's gift and our response in faith. It marks the beginning of life-long growth through the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. Christian initiation will take place within the Eucharist "as the chief service on a Sunday or other feast" (BCP, p. 298). Four feasts are "especially appropriate" (BCP, p. 312): the Easter Vigil, the Day of Pentecost, All Saints' Day or the Sunday after All Saints' Day, and the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord (the First Sunday after the Epiphany). Another occasion may be during the Bishop's annual visitation. In addition, Bruton Parish may offer an opportunity for Holy Baptism on one of the Sundays between Pentecost and All Saints (sometime during the summer). If you would like more information or are interested in being baptized, or having a child baptized, please contact Christine Britton for a Baptismal Application.

Confirmation & Reception

Christine Britton, Parish Life Coordinator
757-229-2891 or cbritton@brutonparish.org

Confirmation is the sacramental rite in which the candidates "express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop" (BCP, p. 860). Those who were baptized at an early age and those baptized as adults without laying on of hands by a bishop are expected to make a mature public affirmation of their faith, recommit themselves to the responsibilities of their baptism, and receive laying on of hands by a bishop (BCP, p. 412). Adults baptized with the laying on of hands by a bishop are considered to be confirmed.

The Prayer Book rite for Confirmation includes forms for Reception and the Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows. In some dioceses, those who have already made a mature Christian commitment in another denomination are recognized as members of the one holy catholic and apostolic church, and received into the fellowship of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. In other dioceses, those who have been sacramentally confirmed in the Roman Catholic or Orthodox churches are

received and others are confirmed. Those who have returned from a time of religious inactivity to an active practice of faith may publicly reaffirm their baptismal vows. Others who have experienced a renewal of faith or desire to renew their Christian commitment may also reaffirm their baptismal vows. If you would like more information or are interested in being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church, please contact the church.

Wedding

Christine Britton, Parish Life Coordinator
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Marriage is a Sacramental Rite of the Church. A couple desiring to solemnize their marriage in the church must seek an understanding of Christian marriage and intend to be active members of a Christian congregation. Bruton Parish Church requires that a pre-application be completed and that certain guidelines be fulfilled before a date is scheduled on the calendar. If you are to be married, please contact the Parish Office to have a pre-application sent to you no less than six months ahead of your intended date, preferably earlier. A number of restrictions apply to weddings at Bruton, so please contact Christine Britton for more information.

Interment in the Churchyard

Christine Britton, Parish Life Coordinator
757-229-2891 or cbritton@brutonparish.org

If you are interested in being buried in the churchyard, you may obtain the "Policy of Interment" from the Parish Office. Arrangements may be made prior to your death. If this is done, a record of the arrangements will be kept on file in the Parish Office. Other requests, such as specific hymns sung at your memorial or special readings that you would like, can be pre-arranged and kept on file also. In preparation, you may want to obtain the booklet, [Planning for Tomorrow: A Church's Ministry at the Time of Death](#), provided by the Pastoral Support Group (and can be obtained in the Parish House or on the Bruton website).



How We Give at Bruton Parish: Using God's Gifts for God's Purpose

Stewardship is a term defining the relationship between ourselves and the world around us. We are stewards of the resources God has entrusted to us, such as time, talents or learned abilities, health, property and financial resources, and relationships with others. Stewardship is seeking our right balance with these gifts-- a lifelong practice of personal growth. Taking part in regular worship and parish life helps us to discern our unique gifts. When we are inspired to use them in service to God, we strengthen the mission and ministry of the parish. Stewardship is how we live to hasten the coming of God's kingdom on earth, including contributing to the health and well-being of our parish. We are invited to give financially and personally in the following ways:

Annual Giving

Marty Easton, Development Director
757-345-2256 or measton@brutonparish.org

It is our custom, and that of many Episcopal churches, to conduct an annual giving campaign in the fall of each year. The resulting income comprises approximately two thirds of the operating budget of Bruton Parish Church. The start of the annual giving period is communicated through The Chronicle and in a mailing to each parish household. Every individual or couple is asked to submit a financial pledge for the next calendar year. A pledge is also known as a tithe or offering. The amount may be adjusted up or down if individual or family circumstances require a change. Payment on one's pledge may be made weekly, monthly, quarterly, or in a lump sum.

Giving of Time & Talent

Many parishioners graciously give of themselves to parish activities and committees. There are several ways to become involved. First, read this publication for descriptions of committees and ministries, then fill out and submit a [Time & Talent Inventory](#) form. Second, the weekly e-newsletter Bruton Bytes and the monthly Chronicle provide details of volunteer needs. Finally, those taking part in the Newcomers ministry will receive a mentor to help guide them into involvement in parish life.

Planned Giving

Ken Johnston, President
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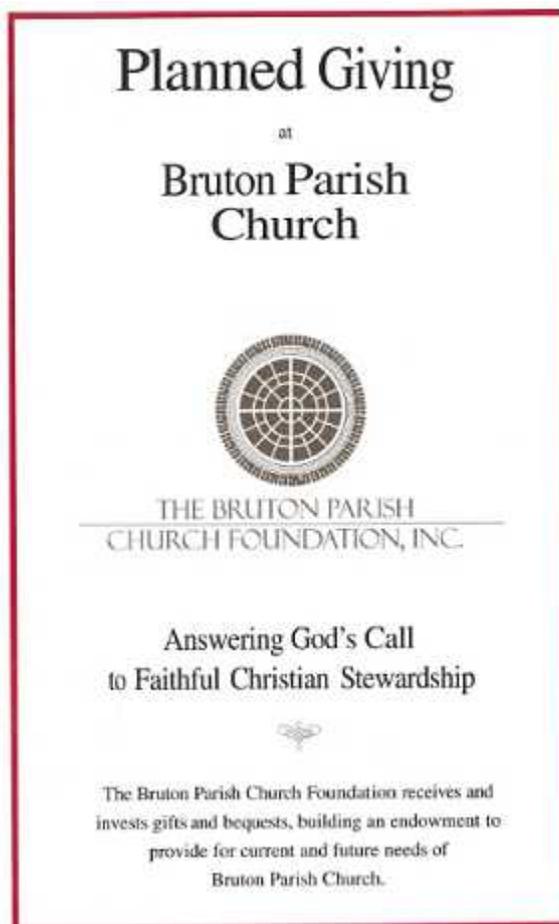
The Bruton Parish Church Foundation is a Virginia tax-exempt non-stock corporation, established in 2003 to receive gifts outside of annual giving. Assets are invested and a portion of the earnings may be distributed for the benefit of parish

operation and ministries. Contributions to the Foundation are often made through one's estate plan, such as a bequest from a will or trust. Brochures describing gift planning more fully are available at the parish office.

Bruton Parish Church Endowment Fund, Inc.

Vernon M. Geddy III, President 757-220-6500
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The Rev'd Christopher L. Epperson, Rector

Bruton Parish is fortunate to be the sole grantee of The Bruton Parish Endowment Fund, Inc., established in 1907 after the first extensive restoration of the church building. Its primary mission is to provide support for costs arising from the parish's role as a National Historic Landmark (1970) in the middle of Colonial Williamsburg and the resulting visitor traffic. The Endowment Fund uses a paid investment advisor and is held by an independent, non-profit corporation managed by eight directors, who ensure that grants are used for the intended, restricted purposes of the fund.



How Do I Become A Member

Marty Easton, Development Director
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Baptized Communicant Members

Baptized Members are those who receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism at Bruton Parish, or those who transfer their baptismal record from another Episcopal parish or another denomination. These members are expected to become active regular participants in parish ministries, programs, and worship (receiving Holy Communion at least three times a year).

These members are also expected to make a pledge as a “contributor of record” supporting the mission and ministry of Bruton Parish. These members are eligible to serve on parish committees. These members may become confirmed communicants by making their adult profession of faith in the presence of the Bishop through the rite of Confirmation — or having already made an adult profession of faith in another denomination — by being received into the Episcopal Church by the Bishop through the rite of Reception.

Confirmed Communicant Members

Confirmed Communicant Members are: 1) those who are already confirmed communicant members of another Episcopal parish and transfer their membership; 2) those who are baptized members of another Episcopal parish or another denomination and make their adult profession of faith in the presence of the Bishop through the rite of confirmation; or 3) those who are baptized members of another denomination, have already made their adult profession of faith, and are received into the Episcopal Church by the Bishop through the rite of Reception.

If you wish to transfer either from a church of another denomination or another Episcopal church, the Membership Coordinator will prepare the necessary paperwork to request your transfer to Bruton Parish. You will be notified by the Rector when your transfer has become effective. People transferring from another denomination are required to attend The Inquirer’s Series classes prior to becoming a Communicant Member of the Parish.

These members are expected to become active regular participants in parish ministries, programs, and worship

(receiving Holy Communion at least three times a year). These members are also expected to make a pledge as a “contributor of record” supporting the mission and ministry of Bruton Parish. These members are eligible to serve on parish committees, to vote for members of the Vestry at the Annual Parish Meeting, to serve as a member of the Vestry, to represent the parish as a delegate to the Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, and serve in the Licensed Eucharistic program.

Associate Members

Associates are those who desire to donate monetary gifts and/or receive Bruton’s mailings, attend regularly when in the area, participate in our activities, help support our ministry and mission, and are eligible to serve on parish committees. These associates often include temporary residents, college students, owners of timeshares, regular visitors, etc.

Friends of Bruton: Our Worldwide Congregation

Friends of Bruton is an extension of our parish family with membership open to all whether here in Virginia or across the country — indeed throughout the world.

There are numerous connections that may lead to a desire to establish and maintain a relationship with our parish church. Some attachments may be the result of frequent visits; others may be former members who have moved from Williamsburg, still others because of a fondness for the area that developed when assigned here while in the military, or as a result of visits with family when they were youngsters. William & Mary graduates, especially former members of the Canterbury Association, might welcome the opportunity for a continuing relationship with Bruton. Friends of Bruton will provide these and others the opportunity to have a lasting association with Bruton Parish Church as members of our worldwide congregation.

If you know of someone who might be interested in this type of relationship with Bruton Parish Church, please feel free to have them contact the program’s chairperson, Jim Morford (757-258-2578), or Hilary Cooley, Communications Director (757-345-2252 or email hcooley@brutonparish.org).



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Terri Cordle (2019)
Virginia Elwell (2020)
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Libby Flowers (2021)
Melinda Gibson (2021)
Ron Hurst, Junior Warden (2021)
Marty Jones (2020)
John Snead (2020)
Johanna Thompson (2019)
Spence Webster (2020)

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