

How Do I Become A Member of Bruton Parish Church

Call the Parish Office (757-229-2891) and let them know that you wish to become a member of Bruton Parish Church.

If you wish to transfer either from a church of another denomination or another Episcopal Church, the Membership Coordinators 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. If you are transferring from the Roman Catholic Church or the Lutheran Church, you are required to Attend *The Inquirers Series* classes prior to joining Bruton Parish.

Categories of Members and Friends:

Confirmed Communicant Members:

- Those who are already confirmed communicant members of another Episcopal parish and transfer their membership.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 Church.
- 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.

Baptized Communicant Members:

- Those who receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism at Bruton Parish.
- 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.

Friends of Bruton:

- Those who desire to donate monetary gifts and/or receive church 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 friends often include temporary residents, college students, owners of timeshares and regular visitors.