It Is A Time Of Possibilities
The Rev’d Chris Epperson

One of the great challenges I face is recognizing what is right in front of me. It is easy to look down the road to the future, and hoping some sense of fulfillment will be realized. So often, we long for something we don’t have, but wish for.

You might think of this in a positive way. Aspiration and fulfillment are good. As Americans, we love the idea of progress and the discipline required to make progress. This fuels exploration, technology and breakthroughs. Perhaps being too future-oriented has a cost?

The present moment is the one we have. The human has a tendency to keep a foot in the past, and one in the future. When we do so, we squander the only time we really can access. The question is how can I make the most of the present. How can we be present to the present?

Fall is the return to “normal” life for many of us. Depending on where you are in life, the routine continues, or it begins again. It is a time of possibilities, some consistent with the past, and some new.

What have you been putting off that you really want to do for personal growth? What have you put on the back-burner, waiting until you have time? What about your relationship with God, expressed through your role in Christian community? What do you want to offer God? Is it time to give your financial support of your church more consideration? Is it time to offer yourself for service in some way? There are moments in which we receive, and there are moments in which we give. It is time. It is the only time we have.

Vestry Nominations
Enclosed in this issue is a nomination form for our upcoming Vestry election during the Annual Meeting in the church following the 9:15am service on Sunday, November 17. Strong lay leadership is key to moving forward together. Please consider submitting your name or that of someone with whom you have spoken. All information needed is included on the form.
**FELLOWSHIP & FORMATION**

**Canterbury Opening Eucharist & Brunch**
Sunday, August 25 @ 9am in Wren Chapel
Welcome Brunch @ 10m in Parish Hall

**Annual Parish Book Sale**
Parish Preview: Thursday, August 29
Friday & Saturday, August 30 & 31
Sunday, September 1

**Remembrance Service for International Overdose Awareness Day**
Friday, August 30 @ 7pm

**Organ Dedication**
Sunday, September 1 @ each a.m. service

**Mission & Outreach Grant Requests**
Tuesday, September 3

**Women’s Theological Book Group**
Thursday, September 5 @ 1pm

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

**Bishop Walkabout @ Chanco**
Saturday, September 7 @ 1pm

**Gala Organ Concerts**
Saturday, September 7 @ 8pm
Sunday, September 8 @ 5:30pm

**Children & Youth Formation KickOff CookOut**
Sunday, September 8 @ 10:15am

**Newcomers’ Corner**
Sunday, September 8 @ 10:30am

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

**Women Under Fortyish**
Sunday, September 8 @ 1pm

**Ribbon Cross Fellowship**
Tuesday, September 10 @ 9:30am

**ECW Board Meeting**
Tuesday, September 11 @ 1:30pm

**Wednesday Fellowship Dinners**
Wednesdays, Sept. 11, 18 & 25 @ 5:15pm

**Canterbury Theological Forum**
Begins Friday, September 13 @ 7:30pm

**Choral Evensong**
Sunday, September 15 @ 5:30pm

**Bruton Fall Series - Pilgrimages: Medieval & Contemporary**
Begins Thursday, September 19 @ 7pm

**Organ & Instruments**
Saturday, September 21 @ 8pm

**New Music for a New Organ**
Saturday, September 28 @ 8pm

**Gift Shop Jumble Sale**
Saturday - Monday, October 12 - 14

**Women’s Fall Coffee**
Friday, October 25 @ 6pm

**Fall Fellowship Festival**
Sunday, October 27, 12-3pm

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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Friday, August 30**
Remembrance Service for International Overdose Awareness Day @ 6pm

**Sunday, September 1**
Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15 & 11:15am
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 5:30pm

**Sunday, September 8**
Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15 & 11:15am
Gala Organ Concert @ 5:30pm

**Sunday, September 15**
Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am
Children’s Church @ 9:15am **
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15 & 11:15am
Choral Evensong @ 5:30pm

**Sundays, September 22 & 29**
Holy Eucharist, Rite I @ 7:30am
Children’s Church @ 9:15am **
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 9:15 & 11:15am
Holy Eucharist, Rite II @ 5:30pm

**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.**

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**NEWCOMERS’ CORNER**

New members of Bruton Parish are invited to join clergy, vestry and Newcomers Committee members for coffee in the Custis House at 10:30am typically on the first Sunday of each month. This is a great opportunity to become better acquainted with the parish and learn of the many ministries here at Bruton Parish. Please join us in the Custis House this month on Sunday, September 8, instead.

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**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, telephone number and a brief message, and the clergy-on-call will return your call as soon as possible.

* Child care may be available for babies through elementary-aged children by reservation only. Please contact Meghan Brewer at (252) 347-7078 or send an email to childcare@brutonparish.org.
Gala Organ Concerts
This Fall
Rebecca Davy, Music Director

Because of the anticipated number of people we expect will want to attend the opening event, passes are highly recommended (however, there are no more available for the Sunday performance). If you plan to attend, please make a reservation before that date. To insure capacity seating, all passes will become void 15 minutes before the start of each concert, allowing those in line to be seated in any of the remaining spaces.

If you would like to attend one of two identical concerts, please contact Hilary Cooley at (757) 345-2252 or hcooley@brutonparish.org to reserve your free passes (which are available for pick-up in the Parish House).

Gala Inaugural Concerts
Saturday, September 7 at 8:00 p.m. or
Sunday, September 8 at 5:30 p.m.
(passes are no longer available for this concert)

Gordon Stewart, Organist

Gordon Stewart is resident concert organist at Huddersfield Town Hall in England. An accomplished player, conductor, teacher, and former cathedral organist, Stewart is known as an engaging performer, always delighting audiences throughout a career that has spanned over 25 years.

No passes are needed for the following three weekends, with seating beginning 30 minutes before each event.

Sunday, September 15 @ 5:30pm
Choral Evensong
Bruton Choirs and Tarpley Ringers
Rebecca Davy, Director & JanEl Will, Organist
Featuring premieres of music by Philip Stopford & Sondra Tucker

Saturday, September 21 at 8pm
Organ & Instruments
Rebecca Davy & JanEl Will, Organists
Susan Via, Susannah Livingston, Jennifer Edenborn, & Brady Lanier, Baroque String Quartet
Amy Miller, Flute, Suzanne Daniel, Bassoon, & Wendell Banyay, Trumpet
Featuring Music from the Past & Present

Saturday, September 28 at 8pm
New Music for a New Organ
Dr. JanEl Will & Rebecca Davy, Organists
Featuring premieres of music by Dan Locklair, Cecilia McDowall, Aaron David Miller & Tom Trenney.

Receptions will be held in the Parish House following each of two gala concerts on September 7 & 8. To volunteer to help out, contact Johanna Thompson at (757) 564-5490.
PILGRIMAGES: MEDIEVAL & CONTEMPORARY

The past two decades have seen a revival of pilgrimages to medieval sites. As described in the William & Mary Institute of Pilgrimage Studies literature, pilgrimage is a universally human experience that by nature is very personal. People go to a place that is meaningful to them and affirm their values by going there. Every religion has some sort of traveling spiritual experience. It is a global phenomenon.

"The pilgrimage trails are multipurpose. People heal. People bond. People meet other people and tell their stories. Pilgrims will listen and understand." In the words of the Institute's Founder: "A pilgrimage is not a panacea or simple answer to all problems, but it does show a way of hope and physical, spiritual and intellectual rejuvenation. Pilgrimage is a cultural universal, a longing for transcendence, a willingness to leave home to find one's center. Those who study and lead pilgrimages can be peace builders in a troubled world."

The series will be preceded with refreshments at 6:30pm. The talks, beginning at 7pm, will typically last an hour and are followed by a question-and-answer period. We advertise the series to the larger community and hope to have excellent attendance.

Thursday, September 19
Pilgrimages to The Holy Land
Bruton Parish Clergy, Father Chris Epperson and the Rev’d Lauren McDonald, will share their pilgrimage experiences in the Holy Land.

Thursday, September 26
Medieval Pilgrimage: "The Canterbury Tales"
John Conlee, Emeritus Professor of Medieval Literature at W&M, will discuss Geoffrey Chaucer's "The Canterbury Tales."

Thursday, October 3
Modern-Day Pilgrimage: Camino de Santiago, Spain
George Greenia, W&M Emeritus Professor of Modern Languages and Founder of W&M Institute of Pilgrimage Studies.
Dr. Greenia will be joined by Sandy Lenthall, a pilgrim who will share her experiences walking The Way seven times. Coincidentally, Dr. Greenia was just awarded the 2019 prestigious International Prize Grupo Compostela-Xunta de Galicia, which promotes cultural traditions and values. Previous honorees include Vaclav Havel and Carla del Ponte.

Thursday, October 10
Buddhist & Hindu Pilgrimages
Professors Kevin Vose and Mark McLaughlin of W&M’s Department of Religious Studies will lecture on Buddhist and Hindu pilgrimages.

Tuesday, October 15
Pilgrimages to The Holy Land
The Rt. Rev’d James Magness, Interim Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, will share his pilgrimage experiences.

BRUTON THEOLOGICAL FORUM BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER

The Rev’d Dr. Dan McClain

This September, we will begin hosting a series of lectures on some of the central teachings of Christianity with special attention to the ways these ideas connect with the culture, public life, and the sciences. Our first four lectures are already scheduled and will relate to Scripture, the relationship of Science and Religion, God, and Creation.

Lectures are free and open to the public, but require free tickets. More information about the forum and access to free tickets can be obtained online at brutonforum.org or at the Parish House.

Friday, September 13
Scripture and Revelation
The Rev’d Dr. Katherine Grieb

Friday, October 25
Science, Religion, and Faith
The Rev’d Dr. Andrew Davison

Monday, February 3
Trinity and Unity in the One God
The Rev’d Dr. Katherine Sonderegger

Monday, March 30
The Fullness of Time: Jesus Christ, Time, and Modernity
The Rev’d Dr. Kara Slade

Lectures will be held in Bruton Parish Church at 7:30pm, followed by receptions in the Parish House. If you have any difficulty accessing the free tickets online, please stop by the Parish House and speak with Alex Narducci or Hilary Cooley, who can assist you.

CANTERBURY NEEDS YOU

Canterbury, the Episcopal Church at William & Mary, is blessed each year by the many volunteers from Bruton and the greater Williamsburg community who care for our students through hospitality, friendship, and, of course, food. In fact, our volunteers comprise one of the most characteristic aspects of this chaplaincy. We simply would not be what we are without them.

I invite you to learn more about our campus ministry and ways you, too, can get involved. Visit www.episcopalwm.org, our new(ish) website, if you haven't already. Read about our student leaders and the different ways Canterbury ministers to the student body.

Check out the Volunteer Sign-Up Link to see if there is some way you can join us in this ministry of bringing the Church to the campus of William & Mary, and then inviting students to see what God is doing in the world through Jesus Christ.
**4th Year Partnership with Matthew Whaley**

Janet Estes

Thank you in advance to those classroom, library, art room, and music room volunteers who plan to return to Matthew Whaley again this year as well as those who have volunteered in the past! The staff and teachers at the school, the M-25 Committee, and Bruton as a whole, all continue to appreciate your efforts. But as always, it’s the little children who appreciate you the most! Even though they might not always tell you so.

Matthew Whaley plans to reorganize their guidance office for the coming 2019-2020 school year and will probably add a new part-time guidance counselor to the staff. That would be of great help to the current full-time counselor, Kendal Almasian, who has been Volunteer Coordinator for many years, in addition to her many other responsibilities.

As a result, Bruton has been asked to hold back on adding to our volunteer numbers until Matthew Whaley completes its reorganization. We expect to be back on board later this fall, as we know we have more parishioners who would like to volunteer! We will include information in the weekly Bruton Bytes and Sunday bulletins as soon as that happens.

All current classroom volunteers are asked to return as usual and contact their teachers the week before school begins, if they have not already done so. Again, thank you!

Projects for the school, such as Winter Coats, Holiday Boxes, books for Spring Break, and the End of School will proceed as they have for the past three years!

Pictured above is Principal Robin Ford thanking all the volunteers from Bruton and William & Mary at the Volunteer Appreciation Tea (Guidance Counselor Kendal Almasian is on the left in the photo).

**Women Under Fortyish**

WUF will meet on Sunday, September 8, from 1-2:30 in the Youth Room at the Parish House. This year we will be discussing reflections from The Way of Love Bible Challenge and its seven spiritual practices: Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go and Rest. Childcare will be provided. WUF meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Please contact the Rev’d Lauren McDonald for more information.

**Ribbon Cross Fellowship**

Kathryn Smith

Please join the Women of Bruton for a morning of fun, fellowship and ribbon cross making on **Tuesday, September 10**, from 9:30 am - 11:25 am at Williamsburg Landing's Jamestown Room. This is a great opportunity to help make ribbon crosses that are sold in the wonderful Bruton Shop. All of the proceeds from the sales are targeted to help with the Women of Bruton’s outreach efforts! It is a great chance to meet many new folks! There is a regularly scheduled Eucharist at 11:30 am at the Landing afterwards, if it works out for you! Any questions, please contact Melinda Morgan on (703) 380-9875 or Kathryn Smith on (757) 229-2188. Hope to see you there!

**Overdose Awareness & Recovery Month**

The Rev’d Lauren McDonald

SpiritWorks will be hosting several events in coordination with International Overdose Awareness Day (August 31) and Recovery Month (September). Please join us as we raise awareness about the disease of addiction and its cost to individuals, families, and communities.

Friday August 30, 5-6pm **Say Their Names Aloud & Ring the Bell**
From 5-6pm at Bruton Parish Church, loved ones are invited to say the names of those they have lost to overdose and to ring the Bruton church bell in their honor. Any who would like to place a photo of their loved one in the church for display during the remembrance service are welcome to do so.

Friday August 30, 6-7pm @ Bruton Parish Church **Remembrance Service**
Join us afterwards from 6-7pm for a service with music, prayer, and candle lighting to remember our lost loved ones and to support their families and friends. Participants may bring pictures of their loved ones who have died.

Saturday, August 31, 6:30pm @ The Kimble Theatre **Film Screening of Ben is Back with Julia Roberts**
Join us at 6:30pm at the Kimball Theatre for a screening of the above film. Tickets are free but must be reserved. Please contact SpiritWorks at (757) 903-0000.

Friday, September 5, 5:30pm @ Bruton Parish House **First Fridays Recovery Eucharist**
Join us in the Parish House for this service designed with prayers and readings 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.
Daugthers of the King:
Who are we?
Maridell Loomis & Ricki Carson, Co-Presidents

Order of the Daughters of the King® is an order for women who are primarily communicants of the Episcopal Church. The Order was founded in 1885 at what is now the Church of the Resurrection in New York City. Members undertake a Rule of Life, incorporating the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service.

By reaffirmation of the promises made at Baptism and Confirmation, a Daughter pledges herself to a life-long program of prayer, service and evangelism, dedicated to the spread of Christ’s Kingdom and the strengthening of the spiritual life of her parish (from the National Handbook).

We invite any woman who is interested in knowing more about us to attend one of our meetings which are held on the first Thursday of each month at 10am in the Coffee, Tea and Tree room at the Parish House. For additional information or if you have any questions, please email daughtersoftheking@brutonparish.org, or contact either co-president Ricki Carson at (804) 229-5349 or Maridell Loomis at (757) 220-2835.

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 from the Book of Common Prayer and is offered by Joyce Haines.

O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Women’s Theological Book Group
The Women's Theological book group meets on Thursdays from 1-2:30pm in Room 206 of the Parish House. All women are invited to join us. For more information or help in ordering books, please contact the Rev’d Lauren McDonald. Upcoming dates and books are:

- September 5: Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again by Rachel Held Evans, Author
- October 17: Why Religion? A Personal Story by Elaine Pagels, Author
- December 5: Putting the Amazing Back in Grace by Ann Weems, Author

Receptionists Needed
We are always in need of more help in the Parish House office reception desk. If anyone is interested in volunteering in the morning or afternoon to answer phones and help out in the office, please contact Kitty Burgwyn at (757) 912-4904.

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.

Wednesday, September 4, 6pm-9pm: Brass Wind Summer Breeze Concert
@ Colonial Williamsburg Museum Lawn
Meet us at 5:45pm at the Parish House reception area when we will walk over to the free concert. Bring a lawn chair and picnic supper. RSVP to Eda Martin at (757) 253-1477.

Saturday, September 14, 7:30pm: Jae Sinnett: The Americana Groove Project Concert
@ Williamsburg Regional Library Theatre
Meet us at 7:15pm in the Lobby of the Library. The Americana Groove Project is Jae Sinnett's latest soulful and very funky musical venture -- a multi-genre band that plays everything from blues to soul to rock to funk to jazz fusion. Jae is a legendary jazz drummer and composer, but for this project he comes out front to sing lead for the band. He will be joined by guitarist Jay Rakes, bassist Terry Burrell, keyboardist Weldon Hill, drummer Cody Thornton, and vocalist Brittany Burrell. Tickets: $5 (Friends of WRL $4). RSVP Donna Dodenhoff, singles at brutonparish.org.

Thursday, September 19, 6:30pm: Good Shot Judy @ Williamsburg Lodge
Join us on the Williamsburg Lodge Patio at 6:30pm. Good Shot Judy is a Virginia-based band specializing in classic vocal jazz entertainment. Enjoy the company of Bruton Singles friends and great music. In case of rain, the event will take place inside (cost of refreshments only). RSVP to Heidi Elam at (757) 897-5012.

Sunday, September 29, 1:30pm: New Exhibit "The Forgotten Soldiers"
@ The American Revolution Museum, Yorktown
Meet us at 1:30pm at the Parish House reception area to carpool to Yorktown. After touring the exhibit, we may spend some time at the waterfront and look for a place to eat. RSVP to Sandy Lenthall at (757) 229-6188.
**Gift Shop Jumble Sale**
Lynn Karlisch

September is here and your gift shop is full of lovely new fall items! We have beautiful fall wreaths, gloves, handbags, wraps and accessories to tempt you.

We will also be showing a new design of the Episcopal shield featured in our needlepoint belts from Haiti. These are all hand-made by women who support education for children, build schools, and provide scholarships to college. These will be a special order item, and would make a perfect Christmas gift. Four to five weeks will be needed for this special order item, so be sure and plan ahead.

Christmas merchandise and cards will be on display by the last week of September. This is always such an exciting time for all of us and you will want to shop early for the best selection.

Be sure to include our upcoming Jumble Sale on your calendars and agendas. The dates for this sale will be **Saturday, October 12 (10am-5pm), Sunday, October 13 (12pm-5pm) and Monday, October 14 (10am-1pm)**, and will be held in the Parish Hall. This will be a church-wide effort to support mission and outreach, and we hope you will help us by volunteering, donating, and shopping! Please contact Joan Gorceyk at (757) 259-2022 or Carolyn Hoffman at (757) 208-2022 for information about our exciting new event, and to let them know when you might be available to assist them. You can also sign up to volunteer at your gift shop.

If you have found items to donate to the sale, you can bring them to the Parish Hall from 11am to 1pm on September 11, 12, 18, 24 & 27 and on October 2 & 4. As a reminder, we can accept: toys, jewelry, paintings (prints and frames), furniture (no larger than will fit in a van), boutique (collectibles) art and antiques, primitives, housewares, and small appliances in working condition. We cannot accept: books, records, games, clothing, TVs, pots, stuffed animals, upholstered furniture (the only exception is a side chair with upholstered seat).

We hope that you will join us in making this new event a great success and we want to thank everyone for their support!

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**Diocesan Bishop Search, Election & Consecration:**

**Information & Dates to Save**
Martie Easton

As the search and transition process for the next bishop continues, please see the key dates below, and visit [www.svabishopsearch.org](http://www.svabishopsearch.org) for the latest information.

**Walkabouts**

Walkabouts are open public forums with the candidates, giving lay people and clergy opportunity to meet and hear from them. Walkabouts have been scheduled at the four locations below. If you are not able to attend one of these locations there will be a live stream that Friday evening from the Galilee Walkabout. This live stream will also be recorded and available on our website following the event.

You may submit questions ahead of time for the Walkabouts to annestiles@embarqmail.com. Please note which walkabout you plan to attend when submitting your question.

Thursday, September 5 at 7pm
Hungars Parish, Eastern Shore
10107 Bayside Road, Machipongo

Friday, September 6 at 7pm
Galilee, Virginia Beach
3928 Pacific Avenue, Virginia Beach
(Available live and on-demand on the diocesan website)

Saturday, September 7 at 1pm
Chanco on the James
394 Floods Drive, Spring Grove

Sunday, September 8 at 3pm
Johns Memorial, Farmville
400 High Street, Farmville

**The Candidates**
A full list of the candidates and their biographies can be found at [svabishopsearch.org/bishop-candidates](http://svabishopsearch.org/bishop-candidates).

**The Election**
Election of the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Virginia will take place Saturday, September 21, 2019 at Dinwiddie High School. Bruton Parish will send six previously-elected delegates to this special council.

**Consecration of the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Virginia**

Saturday, February 1, 2020
St. Bede Catholic Church
3686 Ironbound Road, Williamsburg

11:00 am with reception following in Kaplan Parish Hall

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, presiding

Parking information to follow

(Available live and on-demand on the diocesan website)
2019 NATIONAL UTO GRANT FOCUS:
GO: CROSSING BOUNDARIES CREATED BY RACE, CULTURE, AND ECONOMICS TO CREATE COMMUNITIES THAT LISTEN DEEPLY AND LEARN TO LIVE LIKE JESUS.

Bessie Bierer

Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM) Grant
This year, the UTO Board welcomed Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM) affiliates to apply for grant funding through the EMM Office, similar to how congregations are invited to apply through their diocese for screenings, so that UTO can better respond to the oversight experience of EMM affiliates and our historic relationship with EMM.

Episcopal Migration Ministries, Refugees as Advocates (RA), $49,722.30
Refugees as Advocates (RA) will build refugees' skills to advocate for their rights and advance their standing in and understanding of the community. As participants learn leadership skills and put them into practice, they will deepen their ties to the community, becoming stronger advocates for themselves and other vulnerable populations.

Companion Project Grants
Four of the 33 UTO grants are Companion Projects, meaning two dioceses having a relationship with one another, work together on a grant project.

Iowa, Companion with Nzara, South Sudan Nzara Pre-Natal and Birth Clinic, $28,520
The Diocese of Iowa wants to help its partner Diocese of Nzara, South Sudan create a birthing/prenatal center inside the existing Primary Care Clinic. Currently mothers are seen in unsanitary rooms by unpaid Midwives and Birthing Assistants without the benefit of any equipment beyond a blood pressure cuff.

Mississippi, Companion with Honduras, Teach Them to Fish: Microindustry Mission, $36,000
The Diocese of Honduras will provide a liaison to the Mississippi project manager. The liaison will act as a translator, facilitator, and cultural advisor to advance the work of this project in the churches of Honduras, and will keep the Bishop of Honduras advised of the work progress. The Diocese of Mississippi will provide a project manager to teach fused-glass crafts, as well as business skills to manage, market and integrate the work of the Honduran churches into the sale of the crafts in the tourist region of Roatan. The Mississippi Diocese will provide the ministry locally.

Olympia, Companion with Jerusalem Developing the Mother’s Empowerment Program at the Princess Basma Centre, $142,335
The Mother’s Empowerment Program (MEP) is designed to support the mothers of the Children with Disabilities (CWD), as the primary care givers of their children, by teaching the mothers to become shadow therapists, in addition to providing them with psychosocial support and educational awareness about children's rights.

Pittsburgh, Companion with Uganda, St. Andrew’s Senior Secondary School Physical Plant Development, $85,655
St. Andrew's Secondary School provides an inclusive full high-school education for blind, orphaned, disabled and non-disabled students. The school needs a second finished permanent classroom building, main hall, security fencing and four additional pit latrines for students and staff to save students walking many kilometers to access government-certified secondary education.

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. When you arrive for your ride, you should park on the Duke of Gloucester Street in front of the Bruton Parish Gift Shop. At that time, you will be required to sign a release and liability waiver before your ride.

If you’re a senior unable to bike anymore, please contact Christine Britton by the Friday before your ride at cbritton@brutonparish.org for more information and to schedule your ride!

Winter Shelter Week
February 9-16, 2020

Please mark your calendars for Bruton’s next Winter Shelter Week from February 9-16, 2020. Watch for more information over the coming months and please volunteer!
Junior Warden’s Corner
Ron Hurst

The organ project is very, very close to completion. The final pieces of carved ornament for the front of the case will shortly arrive from New England, and we will erect scaffolding for a brief period so that they can be attached. Within the instrument, one rank of pipes will be replaced by the Dobson team and then voiced accordingly. As you may have noticed, most of the remaining paint work was recently finished. We are nearly there!

The new audio system in the church continues in use, and we are working with the supplier to iron out a few details on the portable microphones. The camera that will record sermons was returned to the manufacturer for adjustments and is now back in the church. We are working to replace the line which brings wifi connectivity into the building so that we can stream services live and have reliable access to other systems onsite. That work will take place this fall.

In the churchyard, the deteriorated Duke of Gloucester Street gates will be removed in October and transferred to the woodworker who will copy them for us. A temporary gate will be installed to provide nighttime security. The project will be completed before the end of the year. Meanwhile, at the Parish House, repairs to the siding on St. Mary’s Chapel have been delayed due to conflicts with the contractor’s schedule, but that work will also be finished this fall.

Finally, we are preparing the budget for next year and developing the schedule of work that will be necessary at the church, the rectory, and the Parish House. Some of the projects that were postponed this year while we tackled the massive effort around the organ will be slated for spring and summer of 2020. Likely on the agenda will be repointing on the 18th-century churchyard wall, replacement of the stone threshold at the church’s tower door, exterior paint for the rectory, and some painting and repair at the Parish House. As with our own homes, the list of projects never ends!

Annual Giving 2020
Marty Easton

Yes, 2020! Let’s define that phrase above by breaking it down.

- **Annual** — referring to a single year
- **Giving** — a financial commitment to Bruton Parish Church made by a pledge
- **2020** — the commitment is for next year, and payable on the schedule you desire
- **Annual Giving 2020** — the name of our appeal period taking place this fall, when every individual or couple is invited to consider and submit a pledge.

The time period dedicated to this effort will run from October 20, 2019 through December 1, 2019. During that period, we will:

- hear from members of the parish,
- receive written information to help in pledge discernment, and
- receive a pledge card to submit on or before December 1.

All pledges combine to create Bruton Parish’s annual income, supporting the programs and ministries that are important to our congregation. Thank you for staying tuned.

Usher Ministry & Greeter Ministry Need You

We are in desperate need of more ushers during our 11:15am services on Sunday mornings. Please contact Ginny and Bill Dugge by email at ushers@brutonparish.org to volunteer.

The Greeter Ministry, particularly during the 7:30am service, needs a few more greeters. It only takes five to ten minutes of your time to greet visiting guests or to say a pleasant good morning to the 7:30am regulars. Please contact Terry McGuirk at (757) 220-6708 to volunteer.

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, September 8 & 22.**

Mission & Outreach Grant Requests
Isabel Burch, Chair

The Mission and Outreach Committee explores the material and spiritual needs of our local, regional, national, and international community. We welcome grant requests from organizations working to meet those needs.

After a careful evaluation process, the committee awards grants to a diverse group of projects and organizations that have applied for assistance and need financial support consistent with our mission.

Grant request applications are being accepted until **Tuesday, September 3**; grant awards will be made in December.

Please direct all interested individuals and organizations to our application link found on the Bruton Parish website in the Mission and Outreach section under Our Ministries or visit bit.ly/PCGRANTS2019 directly.

If you have questions regarding this grant process, please call Isabel Burch at (757) 253-0074 or email missionandoutreach@brutonparish.org.
A special thank-you to the women who attended the Women’s Open Forum on July 21! We really appreciated all of the great participation, ideas and insights. In addition to hearing many new and innovative ideas, it was also a good opportunity to learn more about how the Episcopal Church Women, sponsored by the Women of Bruton, translates here at Bruton! Please stay tuned for more fun and ongoing fellowship during the upcoming year!

A calendar of events is provided below, so please mark your busy calendars now and come join us! If you have any questions, please contact Melinda Morgan at either (703) 380-9875 or brutonwomen@brutonparish.com.

**Upcoming Events!**

- **Ribbon Cross Fellowship**  
  Tuesday, September 10 from 9:30am to 11:15am  
  2nd Tuesday each month at Williamsburg Landing.  
  Feel free to stay for Eucharist afterwards.

- **ECW Board Meeting - Coffee, Tea & Thee**  
  Tuesday, September 11 @ 1:30pm  
  Everyone welcome, 2nd Tuesday each month

- **Fall Coffee - Focus on Community Needs**  
  Wednesday, September 25 @ 10am - Parish Hall

- **Women's Potluck - No agenda**  
  Friday, October 25 @ 6-9pm - Parish Hall  
  Please bring a dish to share!

- **Fall Festival at Spirit Works**  
  Sunday, November 2, 10am - 2pm  
  Come and help, as there are many things to do to help out ahead of time or at the actual event!

- **Women's Half Day Retreat**  
  Sunday, November 9, from 9:30am - 12pm  
  Bruton Parish Hall

- **Advent Quiet Hour(s)**  
  Wednesday, December 11 from 3-5pm - Church  
  Please come for quiet prayers and meditations during this busy season!

- **Women's Weekend Retreat @ CHANCO**  
  Friday - Sunday, March 13-15, 2020  
  This is a great opportunity to enjoy and meet other women of Bruton in a relaxed setting!

- **Celebration Reception Honoring Mothers**  
  Sunday, May 12, 2020 from 10:30 - 11:10am  
  Martha Custis House
**Friends of Bruton Gears Up for New Church Year**

Jim Morford, Chair

The Friends of Bruton Committee is pleased that the long and complex installation of the new pipe organ is completed. The church is now open daily so that Bruton Guides can resume welcoming visitors and share the story of our historic church. It is through the interaction between visitors and Bruton Guides that many people learn of and become a part of Friends of Bruton, Our Worldwide Congregation.

With over 2,000 Friends of Bruton from throughout the nation and indeed around the world joined with our more than 2,000 local Bruton congregants, Our Worldwide Congregation exceeds 4,000.

Last spring we celebrated our 7th Annual Friends Day with an all-day recognition of the momentous events of 1619 at Historic Jamestown and Jamestown Settlement. Plans are now underway for the 8th Annual Friends Day that will soon be announced in the fall issue of The Bruton Fount. You will want to mark your calendars now for Saturday, May 2, 2020!

The Cornerstone Circle, the extension of Friends of Bruton, which through annual sustaining contributions permits the Friends Committee to sponsor projects that will make a lasting contribution to our church. Two projects are currently in the beginning stages of development. One is an oral history project that will capture recollections of senior parish members who will help preserve the history of Bruton from as far back as the early 1940s to the present. A second project under consideration is to publish a book of selected articles from the past six plus years of The Bruton Fount. Both projects will require funding from Cornerstone Circle membership that is based on an annual contribution of $100 or more per person.

Under active consideration by the Committee is a trip to the Holy Land next year. Rector Chris Epperson, having recently returned from a tour there, is looking forward to leading a group to visit the land where our Judeo/Christian heritage was born.

Because of our increasing activities, the Friends of Bruton Committee believes it is time to expand our working Committee from its original seven members to eleven members. Members of the congregation who are interested in contributing to the ongoing work of Friends of Bruton are invited to contact Hilary Cooley at either (757) 345-2252 or hcooley@brutonparish.org to let us know of your interest.

**Mark Your Calendars**

Friends Day at Bruton Parish next year will be held May 2, 2020!

Watch for more details in the coming months!

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**The Way of Love is a Way of Life.**

National Episcopal Church

More than a program or curriculum, The Way of Love is an intentional commitment to a set of practices. It’s a commitment to follow Jesus: Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, Rest.

**Read Presiding Bishop Curry’s invitation.** Where did this whole “Way of Love” come from? Is this something I have to do? Is this for everyone? Read his invitation letter to find out the answers to these important questions.

**Watch** the video that introduces the Way and each practice. This piece, featuring images and video from across our common life in the Episcopal Church, gives a brief overview of each of the seven practices of the Way of Love: Turn. Learn. Pray. Worship. Bless. Go. Rest.

**Use the “Introducing the Way of Love” document** to reflect on practices and imagine how God is leading you to engage. This document explores how each of the seven practices - and a rule of life, itself - has a basis in Scripture and our Episcopal tradition. The question is: how can you engage those practices using your gifts, talents, and calling? Use the reflection and discernment questions to find out more.

**Learn more about each of the practices.** What does it mean to bless? What am I turning from and toward? Visit www.episcopalchurch.org/getting-started-way-love and click on any of the seven practices to find out more about the definition, available resources, and more.

**Drop them a line.** If you have questions, comments, new resources, or an idea about the Way of Love, we want to hear from you! Email them at wayoflove@episcopalchurch.org and they will get back to you as soon as possible.

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**CHILDREN & YOUTH FORMATION**
The Rev’d Josh Stephens & Meghan Brewer

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
Formation for both children and youth will not be held this Sunday, so that all can enjoy their Labor Day Weekend. Please join us in the "big" church at 9:15am instead!

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8: KICK-OFF COOKOUT
Following the 9:15am service in the "big" church this day, we will begin our children and youth programming with a kick-off cookout in the Parish House. We are looking forward to hearing about everyone’s summer! If you can volunteer to help cook or clean-up, contact Meghan Brewer directly.

### WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 11, 18 & 25
Our Chorister Choirs for youth grades 3-8 will begin on Wednesdays in the Parish House choir room at 4:30pm, followed by the opportunity to join with our other choirs for dinner at 5:15pm. Please see the article to the right for more information.

### SUNDAYS, SEPTEMBER 15 & 29
Children’s Church will be held in St. Mary’s Chapel in the Parish House at 9:15am, followed by Sunday School around 10:20am in the Parish House for those through 5th grade and in the Custis House for middle/high school. Joyful Noise Choir will be held at 11:15am in the Parish House choir rooms.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
Children’s Church will be held in St. Mary’s Chapel in the Parish House at 9:15am, followed by Sunday School around 10:20am in the Parish House for those through 5th grade and in the Custis House for middle/high school. Joyful Noise Choir will be held at 11:15am in the Parish House choir rooms. Youth Group will begin this Sunday in the Parish House at 4pm for middle schoolers, with a combined dinner at 5:30pm, and high schoolers will meet at 6pm (ending with Compline in the church).

### YOUTH FUNDRAISER DURING OCCASION OF THE ARTS
Please come to the Parish House to support a youth fundraising effort to raise money for upcoming mission trips. Join us in the Parish House on Saturday, October 5, from 11am to 6pm and on Sunday, October 6, from 11am to 6pm. We’ll be selling hotdogs, hamburgers, and other delicious concessions during this big weekend in the community.

If you can help in any way, please contact Meghan Brewer as soon as possible. Besides the book sale over the Labor Day weekend to benefit youth pilgrimage and mission, this will be our biggest fundraiser during this program year. If you’re a parishioner of any age and are willing to help us flip burgers and more, all you need to bring is your apron and spatula for a fun time!

### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
Mark your calendar for this special service at 9:15am on Sunday, October 6.

**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL**
Anyone interested and willing to help teach a few lessons this Sunday School calendar year for our children or teens, please contact Meghan Brewer. We are in need of helpers and substitutes!

### CHILDREN & YOUTH CHOIRS IN SEPTEMBER
The Rev’d Josh Stephens

We are excited to announce what is ahead for our children’s and youth music program beginning in September of this year.

- **On Sunday mornings,** our Joyful Noise group will meet after Sunday School from 11:15-11:45. Directed by Ceci Hughes, this choir will be for children in kindergarten to third grade. It will be a time for kids to have a fun experience of worshipping God through music while giving them the foundation needed to continue learning how to sing as they grow older.

- **Our Choristers** group will be for third to eighth graders and meet on Wednesdays from 4:30 to 5:15pm. Third graders can work with our directors to determine which choir is the best fit for them based on their ability and maturity. Directed by Kaleb Patterson, the Choristers will be a choir that is challenged and nourished in the rich Anglican tradition of choral music. High school students are encouraged to sing in the Pelham Choir which rehearses on Wednesdays at 6pm and sings on Sundays at our 9:15 service.

- **We will also be hosting a Wednesday Fellowship Dinner beginning September 11 at 5:15pm** that is specially meant for Choristers, their parents, adult choir members and any other parishioners. In years past, there was a neat tradition of choir members, both kids and adults, eating and singing together on Wednesdays. Parents found it to be a fun time, and it was helpful to have one less meal to coordinate. Meals will be catered, so stay tuned for rsvp information, cost, etc. **RSVPs will be required by the Monday before the dinner so that we can have a proper headcount for ordering.**

Music at Bruton Parish is so important to all of us. Our hymns teach us the story of God and unite us in praise of God with all the saints. Teaching kids to sing is teaching them to follow Jesus, so we cannot wait to launch this formative and fun ministry this month.

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Our trip to Navajoland in New Mexico and Desolation Canyon in Utah was nothing short of pure beauty of all things our God has created. Despite a delayed start and a little mishap with misplaced luggage, we met some of the most spiritual people! The children and adults from the Diné culture welcomed us with open arms. The Medicine Man that we met taught us about the beliefs and spirits of the area. We were surrounded by incredible beauty during the camping and rafting in Utah. One thing is certain, our adult leaders and youth came back having served, loved, and learned through Christ. Below are just a few of the over 100+ pictures available on the Youth Ministry Facebook page.
MIDDLE SCHOOLER’S MISSION TRIP TO THE FOLKLIFE CENTER IN WV

Our time spent at the FolkLife Center again this year did not disappoint! From the church service that sent us on our way, our middle schoolers began their journey of painting, laying floors, and demolition, a lot of hard work! We enjoyed some cultural music and antique tool-collection shared by local Jim Costa, a visit with Ranger Rick in one of our beautiful national parks, and finally a weekend of water fun on the New River Gorge. This trip with our youth couldn’t have been any more of a blessing — it was like “almost heaven, West Virginia!”
Vacation Bible School at St. Martin’s

As we spent the week learning about “Who is My Neighbor? Learning to Love Like Jesus”, children and youth from Bruton, Hickory Neck and St. Martin’s churches spent the week at St. Martin’s learning how to love our neighbors as we should love ourselves. A great week was had by all!

Acolyte Training

As we say goodbye to many of our acolyte friends who have left for college or have moved, we took time to train with our new friends who will step into this very important ministry. Thank you to Chris Chavez, Jack Oates, and Ed Burchianti, our new Acolyte Instructors, for helping with the first round of training.

If you’ve been away this summer and would like a refresher, or if your child is new to the parish and would like to participate in this important ministry, we will be having another training session soon ... please watch for details!
Candlelight Concerts, Parish House Music Series, and Historical Organ Recitals for the Parish & Community

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, September 3
Organ & Harpsichord Recital
Rebecca Davy, Bruton Music Director

Thursday, September 5
Organ & Harpsichord Recital
Dr. JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

Saturday, September 7 @ 8:00 pm
Gala Inaugural Organ Recital *
Gordon Stewart, Resident Concert Organist at Huddersfield Town Hall in England

Sunday, September 8, @ 5:30 pm
Gala Inaugural Organ Recital *
Gordon Stewart, Resident Concert Organist at Huddersfield Town Hall in England

Tuesday, September 10
Organ & Harpsichord Recital
Rebecca Davy, Bruton Music Director

Thursday, September 12
Organ & Harpsichord Recital
Dr. JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

Saturday, September 14
Organ Recital
Daniel Grotz, Organist at Church of Our Savior Episcopal Church in Charlottesville, VA

Sunday, September 15 @ 5:30 pm
Inaugural Organ Choral Evensong
Premieres of music of Philip Stopford & Sondra Tucker, Bruton Choirs & Tarpley Ringers
Rebecca Davy, Director & JanEl Will, Organist

Tuesday, September 17
Organ & Harpsichord Recital
Rebecca Davy, Bruton Music Director

Thursday, September 19
Organ & Harpsichord Recital
Dr. JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

Saturday, September 21
Inaugural Organ & Instruments Recital:
Music from the Past & Present
Rebecca Davy & JanEl Will, Organists; Susan Via, Susannah Livingston, Jennifer Edenborn, & Brady Lanier, Baroque String Quartet;
Amy Miller, Baroque Flute; Suzanne Daniel, Bassoon; Andy Wendell Banyay, Trumpet

* Passes recommended; seating for those without passes will begin at 7:45 pm; to reserve complimentary passes contact Hilary Cooley at either hcooley@brutonparish.org or (757) 345-2252.

Tuesday, September 24
Organ & Harpsichord Recital
Dr. JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

Thursday, September 26
Chamber Recital
Hampton Roads Philharmonic Woodwind Quintet

Saturday, September 28 - Inaugural Organ Recital
New Music for a New Instrument
Rebecca Davy & JanEl Will, Organists - Featuring commissioned music of Dan Locklair, Cecilia McDowall, Aaron David Miller, & Tom Trenney

Historical Organ Recitals
The College of William & Mary - Wren Chapel
Saturdays @ 10am

September 7 & 14 - Rebecca Davy
September 21 & 28 - Norman Elton

Wednesday Fellowship Dinners

We are reviving the Wednesday Fellowship Dinners at 5:15pm beginning September 11! These dinners are especially meant for Choristers, their parents, adult choir members, and any other parishioners. In years past, there was a neat tradition of choir members, both kids and adults, eating and singing together on Wednesdays. Parents found it to be a fun time, and it was helpful to have one less meal to coordinate. Meals will be catered, so stay tuned for rsvp information, cost, etc.

RSVPs will be required by the Monday before the dinner so that we can have a proper headcount for ordering. Watch the Bruton Bytes and Sunday bulletins for more information about cost, details, etc.

Singers Needed for Choir at Consecration Service

Calling singers from across the Diocese to join the massed choir that will provide music for the Consecration of the next Bishop of Southern Virginia. The Consecration service is set for **Saturday, February 1, 2020** (12 or 1pm, approximately) at St. Bede Catholic Church in Williamsburg. All singers must attend one rehearsal in January 2020, as well as the morning rehearsal before the service. Exact rehearsal times and locations will be announced in the fall.

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BRUTON BUILDERS RAMP IT UP

Alice Erickson

Bruton Builders are now completing a handicap ramp for someone in the Grove area of our community. We have worked with Habitat, the Hurricane Sandy rebuilding effort in Crisfield, Maryland, and at "home" in the Parish House, but perhaps our best efforts have gone into ramp building. We like it!

The work itself is rewarding as we provide a physical resource for someone in need. In addition, we usually get to meet the members of the household; a daughter will talk with us about her mother; a man will sit on his deck and tell us of the time he played semi-pro baseball in New York; children will play outside while we build a ramp for their brother. This is more than building a ramp. We like it!

Pictured are some of the crew who worked on this project ... that is a looooooooong stretch of deck and railing!
Nominations for Bruton Parish Vestry

What does it mean to be a member of the Bruton Parish vestry? Generally, it means responding to God’s call to be a channel of God’s love, by supporting the clergy’s leadership toward spiritual vitality of the parish. We do this through faithful, active participation in worship and parish life. It also means representing the parish with leadership in the management of finances, buildings, grounds and other assets. Vestry meetings are held once a month on Monday evenings.

The Bruton Parish vestry has 12 members. The term of a vestryperson is three years. Like all churches in the Diocese of Southern Virginia, we use a rotating vestry system. It is designed so that each year four members rotate off and four new members join.

This flyer is a means to nominate someone you believe to be called to this ministry. After receiving consent from the person, fill out and return the bottom portion. You may also nominate yourself. The 2019 nominating committee will consider all nominations received and seek more if necessary.

The nominating committee will have eight members. Four are the retiring vestrypersons: Douglas Boller, Terri Cordle, Dick Estes, and Johanna Thompson. The other four will have been recruited from the parish at large. The committee will identify a balanced slate of four willing individuals, representative of the congregation. Nominees will be formally elected at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 17, 2019.

A nominee must be a confirmed adult communicant in good standing, faithful in corporate worship, in giving and in prayer. Please speak with the Rev’ds Chris Epperson or Lauren McDonald if you have questions about vestry service or the nomination process. Thank you.

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Vestry Nomination Form

Please detach and return this form to the Parish House. You may hand deliver or mail it to the attention of Douglas Boller by Friday September 27. If you prefer, put the information below in an email to Douglas Boller and send to vestrynoms@brutonparish.org.

I wish to nominate ______________________________ for consideration by the nominating committee to stand for election to a three-year term on the vestry. He/she is willing to serve. I feel this person is well-suited for this ministry of leadership in our church for the reasons below. He/she has sought to be a part of parish life in the ways I have listed below.

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Signature: ______________________________________ Date: ______________________