



Bruton Parish Episcopal Church

The heart of Colonial Williamsburg

A Gateway to Our Ministries

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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. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.



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Clergy-on-Call for Emergencies

If you have an emergency after church office hours from Monday through Friday, 8am - 4pm, please call (757) 229-2891 and Choose Option # 6 to be redirected to the clergy-on-call. If necessary, leave your name, a brief description of your emergency, and a telephone number where you can be reached. A clergy-person will return your call as soon as possible.

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 services in the church and a children’s service in St. Mary’s Chapel 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. 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 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 Gift Shop & Heritage Center** is located in the Parish House, with the entrance on the 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 when held 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

8:00 a.m. Sunday Service

A spoken service of Holy Eucharist Rite I is celebrated every Sunday.

9:15 a.m. Sunday Service

Holy Eucharist Rite II is celebrated at this Sunday service (periodically, Morning Prayer is said). This service is also live-streamed to our YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/BrutonParish.

9:15 a.m. Children's Church

This age-appropriate worship service is held at 9:15 a.m. in St. Mary's Chapel in the Parish House.

11:15 a.m. Sunday Service

Holy Eucharist Rite II is celebrated most Sundays in the church.



5:30 p.m. Sunday Service

This Canterbury-led service is typically Holy Eucharist Rite II and is held at 5:30 p.m. service when William & Mary is in session. Periodically, Choral Evensong may be sung or Evening Prayer may be said.

11:00 a.m. Wednesday Holy Eucharist

Holy Eucharist is celebrated every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. either in the church or churchyard, depending on the weather. All are welcome to attend.

Visit our Parish Calendar at www.bruntonparish.org/calendar online for services, events, meetings, etc. If you cannot find what you are looking for, please contact the Parish House.

Church Address: 201 Duke of Gloucester Street, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185

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Parish Offices: 8am - 4pm, Monday through Friday

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Children's & Youth Formation

Vestry Liaison: Sue Warner

The Rev'd Charles H. Bauer, Associate Rector - Christian Formation
(757-229-2891 or cbauer@brutonparish.org)

Meghan Brewer, Coordinator, Children's & Youth Formation
(757-345-6489 or mbrewer@brutonparish.org)

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.

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.

The **Joyful Noise Choir** meets each Sunday morning in the Parish House choir room to rehearse following Sunday School (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 at various times throughout the year.

There are many **opportunities for children and families to be involved outside of Sunday morning worship**, including parish-wide events such as the Fall Fellowship Festival and Shrove Tuesday.

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 **Youth Group and Confirmation Classes**, they learn about the Bible and the church and consider how they relate matters of faith to their everyday 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**.

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!

Canterbury

The Rev'd Charles H. Bauer - Associate Rector, Christian Formation (757-784-8188 or chaplain@brutonparish.org)

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, and Holy Eucharist on Thursday mornings at 11:00 a.m. while the college is in session.



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.episcopalwm.org for upcoming events.



Adult Christian Education & Formation

Vestry Liaisons: Carlyle Campbell & Michael Smith

Adult Christian Education & Formation Committee

Heidi Elam, Chair (757-897-5012 or adultformation@brutonparish.org)

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). When held, there are two or three offerings for adults on Sunday mornings (September - May). These may include a traditional Sunday Bible Study Group (Living the Gospel being held in the Custis House at 11:00 a.m.) on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month and, periodically, Forum & Fellowship programs in the church or Lewis Hall. Coffee Connections, when held on Sundays, is a fellowship time for members of the parish, newcomers and visitors held in the Custis House 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.



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.

Other Educational Offerings

Coordinated by the Adult Christian Education & Formation Committee, offerings ranging on a variety of subjects are presented by members and/or local professionals on multiple Thursday evenings throughout the year (coffee and dessert precede each evening's presentation).



The Inquirer's Class: 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 Sunday bulletins, the weekly "For the Living of These Days" emails, and on the website.

Confirmation Classes for young people in the 10th grade and above are offered periodically and announced in the church's various communications. 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.



Heritage Center

Scott Spence, Chair (757-871-5828 or bpcheritagecenter@brutonparish.org)

The **Heritage Center**, located in the front of the Parish House with the Bruton Parish Gift 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.



Hennage Library Committee

Bryant Cureton, Interim Chair (757-253-1826 or library@brutonparish.org)

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 catalog 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.



Property

Vestry Liaisons: Bill Dugge & Sara Fogarty

Facilities & Property Committee

Ernie Clements, Facilities Manager (eclements@brutonparish.org or 757-229-2891)

Bill Dugge, 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, Our Parish Life Coordinator 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 Parish Life Coordinator 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.

Communication

Vestry Liaison: Randy Hobbs & Sue Warner

Hilary Cooley, Communications Director (757-345-2252 or hcooley@brutonparish.org)

- 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 password and contains information strictly for members.
- For the Living of These Days is our weekly emailed communication typically sent on Thursday afternoons to our parishioners. It provides information on the services for the coming Sunday, and other important events of the parish. It is typically uploaded to our website under “Latest News” each Thursday.
- Sunday Bulletin Announcements, Press Releases, Brochures & Special Mailings, Social Media (Facebook)

Worship Ministries

Vestry Liaisons: Joyce Haines

Altar & Floral Guilds

Libby Flowers & Kathy Mullins, Altar Guild Co-Sacristans (757-707-3346 or altarguild@brutonparish.org)

Dianne Spence, Floral Guild Coordinator (757-870-3154 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.



Service 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.

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, officiant 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.”



Acolyte Program

Meghan Brewer, Acolyte Master (252-347-7078 or mbrewer@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.

Fellowship Ministries

Vestry Liaison: Joyce Haines & Lori Forcucci-Smith

Coffee Connections

Kathy Harper (757-784-2447 or coffee@brutonparish.org)

When available, coffee and refreshments are offered at 10:30 a.m. in the Custis House across the street from the church following the 9:15 a.m. service. If you would like to help with Coffee Connections, please contact Kathy.

Kitchen Ministry

Marlene Turner (410-207-3984 or kitchen@brutonparish.org)

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 Gift Shop.

Bruton Singles

Heidi Elam, Chair (757-897-5012 or 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 month to attend various events in the parish and community. Each event is typically accompanied with a meal and/or dessert (paid separately).

Bruton ROMEOS

Joe Cross, Co-Coordinator (757-719-1777 or BPC@brutonparish.org)

Jim Carson, Co-Coordinator (757-707-4509 or BPC@brutonparish.org)

Retired Outstanding Men Eating Optimally is a somewhat undistinguished monthly gathering of aged-challenged men who seek inexpensive lunches and priceless fellowship at local restaurants who will have us. Our goal is to meet each third Thursday of the month at 11:30-1:00 at a pre-arranged restaurant for a lunch costing around \$15. Reservations are required monthly by emailing the Communications Director at BPC@brutonparish.org.

Special Receptions

Johanna Thompson (757-810-8870 or bpc@brutonparish.org)

This ministry provides food and refreshments for special events and celebrations that occur in the life of the Parish. This is a ministry for members who have a gift for entertaining large groups.

Women of Bruton/Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

Melinda Morgan, President (703-380-9875 melindabellmorgan@gmail.com)

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 several times a year, for outdoor lunches at Merchant's Square, help with a Lenten Prayer program and sponsor the United Thank Offering ingathering every year. Another dimension to our fellowship is the making of ribbon crosses, which are featured in the Bruton Shop. The proceeds from the donations from these crosses has allowed us to provide much needed funding to several local community organizations. If you are interested in attending our monthly Ribbon Cross workshop, please contact Jeanne Trapani at chrnqurk@gmail.com.

Women's Theological Book Group

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 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.

Pastoral Support

Vestry Liaison: Judi Dorn & Joyce Haines

Bruton has many avenues for pastoral ministry for 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 requests. With the support of our clergy and in coordination with our Eucharistic Visitors, and Daughters of the King, our Bruton community remains a blessed communion.

Bruton Cares Team

Ginny Elwell (757-220-6601 or vselwell@gmail.com)

The Bruton Cares mission is to provide everyday "parishioner care"—that is the helping hand of a good neighbor in times of need. In 2020, we formed a "parishioner care" group called the Bruton Cares Team. Bruton Cares volunteers offer the help of a good neighbor to our fellow parishioners in times of need. Our volunteers stay in touch through calls, letters and visits to fellow parishioners who are living on their own, or in senior living communities. In addition, volunteers may also run errands and shop for those who need a helping hand. If you would like to volunteer, or if you know a parishioner whom the Bruton Cares Team could serve, please contact Ginny or the church office.

United Thank Offering

The Rev'd Lauren McDonald (UTO@brutonparish.org or lmcDonald@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.



Daughters of the King (DOK)

Judi Dorn, Co-Chair (412-389-9999 or daughtersoftheking@brutonparish.org)

Pat Van Zandt, Co-Chair (757-880-0694 or daughtersoftheking@brutonparish.org)

The Order of the Daughters of the King (DOK)[®] is a lay order of women, instituted to be an extension of Christ's Kingdom through Prayer, Service, and Evangelism. The Bruton Chapter meets on the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. from September through June. The Daughters gather to share spiritual prayers, scripture, devotionals, and a book study. 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 communities. We welcome interested women of the church to our meetings to learn about what we do and to consider whether DOK might be a step in her spiritual journey.



Eucharistic Visitors

The Rev'd Jan Brown, Archdeacon (757-229-2891 or jbrown@brutonparish.org)

Eucharistic Visitors are sent forth from the altar where the community has gathered and shared Communion, carrying the Body and Blood of Christ to parishioners in homes and hospitals whose illness, disability, or injury keep them from being present physically in church on Sundays. This 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. Eucharistic Visitors must be confirmed communicant members, and are trained by the clergy to serve in this licensed ministry. If you or someone you know would like to receive the Eucharist at home, or if you are interested in learning more about this ministry, contact the parish office.



Reaching Out Ministries

Vestry Liaisons: Judi Dorn & Robyn Hansen

Guide Program

Peg & Larry Zensinger (757-259-0849 or guides@brutonparish.org)

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. At this time during the pandemic, the church is not open for visitation/touring, but only open during church services on Wednesday and Sunday. When tours are resumed, 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.

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 assist while a free-will offering is gratefully received. Volunteers are always needed to help in this unique outreach.

Newcomers Committee

Kitty Burgwyn (757-208-0122 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; briefed on Bruton Parish's ministries; and integrated into the various committees/ministries once informed of their interests. Newcomers Corner is typically the first Sunday of each month in the Custis House with clergy and vestry.

Friends of Bruton: Our Worldwide Congregation

Jonathan Stolz, Chairman (757-229-2498 or friends@brutonparish.org)

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 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.



COFM/Winter Shelter

Margaret & Sean Driscoll (757-876-0264 or mdriscoll@brutonparish.org)

Community of Faith Ministry (COFM) is a community-wide project to provide shelter to residents of Williamsburg who are without housing during the winter months. Bruton Parish Church hosts one shelter week, usually in January and provides guests a place to sleep, have breakfast, lunch and dinner and take showers. Volunteers are needed to cook, check-in and check-out guests.



Service Ministries

Vestry Liaisons: Diane Howerton & Lynn Smyth

Mission & Outreach Committee

Diane Howerton (804-731-9269 or missionandoutreach@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.

Bruton Builders

Bob Morrison (757-846-6860 or builders@brutonparish.org)

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, please contact builders@brutonparish.org.

Care Closets

Meghan Brewer (757-229-2891 or mbrewer@brutonparish.org)

Care Closets is a program that addresses the needs of students and their families experiencing food insecurity and poverty. Under the leadership of Meghan Brewer, the program was launched at Berkeley Middle School and Lafayette High School working with counselors and teachers to identify those children needing food and clothing assistance.



Loaves & Fishes

Lynn Smyth (305-720-4963 or missionandoutreach@brutonparish.org)

This ministry is about feeding, cooking, baking, and serving the parish or community, and we welcome you to select from various ongoing ministries. Through Motel Meals, we feed approximately 20 families on the fourth Wednesday of the month. With Crock Pot Ministry, we provide fixings for a home-cooked meal once a month. For residents of Grove, we prepare and deliver 50 meals quarterly. During the summer, we join Summer Meals for Kids, sponsored by Meals on Wheels, by baking and assembling. Contact Lynn Smyth (lynndanielsmyth@gmail.com) and we will place you on the email distribution to receive regular information and sign up.

Parish Gift Shop

Diane Koun, Shop Manager (757-645-2052 or dkoun@brutonparish.org)

Betsy Darling, Shop Committee Chair (757-345-9879)

Jean Winters, Volunteer Coordinator (757-564-1662 or shopscheduler@brutonparish.org)

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 \$2,300,000 to date. None of this would have been possible without our over 100 dedicated volunteers. With the exception of the manager and an assistant, all who work at the Shop are volunteers. The volunteer staff assists customers and provides hospitality for the many visitors each day.

Music Ministry

Vestry Liaison: Joyce Haines

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!

Pelham Choir

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

Dr. JanEl Will, Accompanist (757-229-2891 or 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 evening 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 (757-229-2891 or jwill@brutonparish.org)

The Chancel Choir sings during 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

Sara Meldrum (757-753-2741 or

joyfulnoise@brutonparish.org)

For children 4 years old through 8th grade.

The Tarpley Ringers

Rebecca Davy, Director (757-645-3431 or bdavy@brutonparish.org)

The Bruton Handbell Choir rehearses Mondays from September through May at 6:00 p.m. and rings two Candlelight Concerts each year as well as occasional worship services. The choir has five octaves of Malmark handbells and 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 evening Candlelight Concerts are held in Bruton Parish Church. This outreach is both for the thousands of guests who visit our historic church and for visiting musicians who chose to perform gratis in the series. Concerts are provided by the parish organists and other musicians in the Williamsburg community and around the world. Programs range from organ and harpsichord recitals to solo and chamber instrumental and choral programs. The monthly schedules can be viewed on the church website and are typically available by the 15th of the previous month.



Sacraments & Memorial Services

Vestry Liaison: Judi Dorn & Joyce Haines

Baptisms

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 & Receptions

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.



Weddings

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

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

Vestry Liaison: Sara Fogarty

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 & Planned Giving

Margaret Driscoll, Director of Development & Newcomer Engagement
(757-345-2256 or mdriscoll@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 weekly "For the Living of These Days" email 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

Margaret Driscoll, Director of Development & Newcomer Engagement (757-345-2256 or mdriscoll@brutonparish.org)
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 "For the Living of These Days" provides details.

Bruton Parish Church Foundation, Inc.

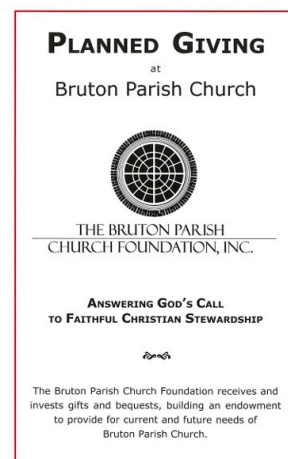
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Margaret Driscoll, Director of Development & Newcomer Engagement (757-345-2256 or mdriscoll@brutonparish.org)
The Bruton Parish Church Foundation is a Virginia tax-exempt non-stock corporation, established in 2003 to receive gifts outside of annual 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 or bpce-president@brutonparish.org)
The Rev'd Christopher L. Epperson, Rector (757-229-2891 or cepperson@brutonparish.org)
John Fogarty, Treasurer (757-291-2927 or jfogarty@brutonparish.org)
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.

Finance Committee

John Fogarty, Controller (757-291-2927 or jfogarty@brutonparish.org)
Steve Hibbitts, Treasurer (757-564-8240 or BPCFinance@brutonparish.org)
Melinda Morgan, Chair (757-707-3962)
The role of the Finance Committee is to help provide financial oversight to the church, which involves financial reporting and the monitoring of the internal controls and sound accounting policies and practices for both long- and short-term goals.



How Do I Become A Member

Vestry Liaison: Joyce Haines & Lori Forcucci-Smith

Margaret Driscoll, Director of Development & Newcomer Engagement (757-229-2891 or mdriscoll@brutonparish.org)

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 chairman, Jonathan Stolz, or Hilary Cooley,



Communications Director (757-345-2252 or hcooley@brutonparish.org).

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