A Gateway to Our Ministries
February 2022

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.

Please note that some of the materials in this booklet may have changed temporarily due to COVID (i.e., worship/service times, etc.). Please contact the Church Office if you have questions.

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 in the church**
A spoken service of Holy Eucharist Rite I is celebrated every Sunday.

**9:15 a.m. Sunday Service in the church**
Holy Eucharist Rite II is celebrated at this Sunday service (periodically, Morning Prayer is said).

**9:15 a.m. Children’s Church in St. Mary’s Chapel**
This age-appropriate worship service is held at 9:15 a.m. in St. Mary’s Chapel in the Parish House (periodically, it is held virtually on our YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/BrutonParish).

**11:15 a.m. Sunday Service in the church & live-streamed**
Holy Eucharist Rite II is celebrated most Sundays in the church. It is also live-streamed via our YouTube Channel and is available at www.youtube.com/BrutonParish.

**5:30 p.m. Sunday Service in the church**
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 in the church**
Holy Eucharist is celebrated every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. in the church. All are welcome to attend.

Visit our [PARISH CALENDAR](#) online for services, events, meetings, etc. If you cannot find what you are looking for, please contact the Parish House.

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Parish House Address: 331 Duke of Gloucester Street, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185

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

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Website: [www.brutonparish.org](http://www.brutonparish.org)

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Children’s & Youth Formation

Vestry Liaison: Chris Chavez

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. A new Sunday School class was started for 3- and 4-year-olds where they work on crafts, Bible storytime, play, and snack time as well.

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

Additionally, there are two amazing children’s choirs (which are on hiatus at this time) **Joyful Noise and Choristers**, that meet 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 once a month.

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

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

The children’s parish is constantly growing and finding new ways to have our youngsters of the church be involved and excited about learning more about the Word of the Lord and implementing it in their daily routines. The schedule of Children’s Formation can be viewed on our parish website at [www.brutonparish.org](http://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!

If you would like to be added to our weekly email of programming news, please email those listed above!
Youth Programs

Youth at Bruton Parish (grades 6 - 12) have many opportunities for service, education, and fellowship. Through Sunday School and Confirmation Classes, they learn about the Bible and the church and consider how they relate matters of faith to their 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. A ski trip to local slopes is planned for annual fellowship!

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

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

Canterbury
The Episcopal Church at William & Mary

The Revd Charles H. Bauer, Associate Rector, Christian Formation
757-784-8188, chaplain@brutonparish.org

Hunter Phillips, Canterbury Senior Warden
Emily Elston, Canterbury Junior Warden

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 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.

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). A few of the recent programs have been:

- The Evolution of the Bible; How Then Shall We Live: A Discussion about Healthcare Ethics; Snake Oil or Cure? Clinical trials and how drugs get to market, how to take your medications safely, and how to search for reliable healthcare information on the web.
- The Evolution of the Book of Common Prayer
- Faith & Fear
- Faith Images, an exploration of the Christian faith for ALL on the journey.
- Rule of Life for Real Life, exploring the aspects of prayerful discipline in the practice of a rule of life.
- Christian Responses to Contemporary Life,
- What is Old is New: Spirituality of Ignatius Loyola
- Four Major World Religions
- and, most recently, Spiritual Gifts Among Us

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.

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.
**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 & Rick Powell  
Facilities & Property Committee  
Ernie Clements, Facilities Manager (757-229-2891 or eclements@brutonparish.org)  
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: Sally McConnell  
Hilary Cooley, Communications Director (757-345-2252 or hcooley@brutonparish.org)  
Bruton utilizes many forms of communication to keep parishioners abreast of parish news and events, such as:
- **The Website**, our “megabytes” of communication to our members, local community, and the world, is kept as up-to-date as possible so all may worship with us and enjoy fellowship. There is a Parish Access Only portion of our website which requires a password and contains information strictly for members (please visit our website for access).
- **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.
- **Sunday Bulletin Announcements**
- **Press Releases, Brochures & Special Mailings**
- **Social Media** (Facebook)
Worship Ministries
Vestry Liaisons: Margaret Driscoll & Lynn Smyth

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.”

Music Program & Advisory (please see page 13)

Acolyte Program
TBD (acolyting@brutonparish.org)
The Acolyte Program consists of young people who assist in carrying out the liturgy of the worship service. Acolytes assist with service liturgy by lighting candles, carrying the cross or candles, assisting in the preparation of Holy Eucharist and other duties. Acolytes also serve as Youth Readers at the 9:15 a.m. service. This program is open to youth. Generally, acolytes meet as needed. As a rule, there is a training and organizational meeting held at the beginning of the school year, at which: 1) new members are welcomed; 2) a general introduction to the program is presented; and 3) Acolytes are fitted for robes. Individual training and practice sessions are conducted for those who feel a need for additional help or encouragement.
**Fellowship Ministries**
Vestry Liaison: Leith Mullaly

**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 at the above email or phone number.

**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 or from the Church Receptionist at the Parish House.

**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 week to attend various events in the parish and community. Each event is typically accompanied with a meal and/or dessert (paid separately) at which those attending can enjoy fellowship and discussion. To participate, please send an email directly to singles@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 or ECW@brutonparish.org)
All women of Bruton are ECW members, and our vision is that we become a vibrant blend of all ages, coming together as a peacemaking, healing part of the church. We gather for fellowship and friendship four times a year — a Fall Coffee in September, a Holiday Tea in December, a Lenten Prayer Luncheon, and a Spring Luncheon & Ice Cream Social. ECW is also responsible for the United Thank Offering Ingathering each year.

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

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

**Women Under Fortyish**
Young adult women at Bruton are meeting monthly for conversation on faith and spirituality, Bible study, and fellowship. If you are interested in being part of these gatherings, please contact the Rev’d Lauren McDonald.
Pastoral Support
Vestry Liaison: Rick Powell

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, Stephen Ministry, 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 (UTO)
Becky & Michael Smith (757-329-7095 or bpc-uto@brutonparish.org)
UTO strives to significantly impact the lives of women and children through Christ’s love. To achieve this vision, UTO focuses on projects that implement change toward alleviating profound human suffering that the Episcopal Church’s Millennium 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)
Maridell Loomis, Co-President (757) 220-2835 or daughtersoftheking@brutonparish.org)
Ricki Carson, Co-President (804-229-5349)
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 more about what we do and encourage each 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.
**Guide Program**  
Sheldea Matthews, Guide Coordinator/Chair  
(804-310-3181 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.

**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; provided a mentor; briefed on Bruton Parish’s ministries; and integrated into the various committees/ministries once they are informed of the desires/interests of the newcomers and new communicants. When held, Newcomers Corner is typically the first Sunday of each month in the Custis House.

**Greeters**  
Terry McGuirk, 8:00 a.m. Coordinator (757-220-6708)  
Carolyn Hohl, 9:15 a.m. Coordinator (757-565-5046)  
(Open) 11:15 a.m. Coordinator (757-229-2891)  
Greeters are parishioners who are often one of the first contacts with Bruton Parish. The Greeter meets and greets parishioners and visitors at all Sunday morning services. They are the “welcoming” group that obtains names and addresses so that a newcomers’ packet can be sent. Bruton Parish is dedicated to providing a welcoming and warm reception to our visitors, newcomers, and new communicant members.

**Parish House Receptionists**  
Kitty Burgwyn, Chair (757-208-0122 or bpcreception@brutonparish.org)  
Volunteers serve as receptionists in the Parish Office to direct visitors, assist the staff, answer the telephone concerning inquiries about the church and the many activities taking place at Bruton.

**Friends of Bruton: Our Worldwide Congregation**  
Jim Morford, Chair (757-258-2578 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 as members of our worldwide congregation.

**COFM/Winter Shelter**  
Paul & Robyn Hansen, Co-Chairs (757-342-1178 or bpc@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 February, 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: Sally McConnell

Mission & Outreach Committee
Anna Martin, Chair (757-258-9527 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. Two groups which have formed under the auspices of Mission & Outreach are:

Matthew 25
Janet Estes, Co-Chair (757-229-6393 or matthew25@brutonparish.org)
Johanna Thompson, Co-Chair (757-810-6970)
Inspired by Jesus' words, Matthew 25: 35-36, the Matthew 25 Committee at Bruton is in partnership with Matthew Whaley Elementary, our closest neighborhood school. Volunteers provide individual tutoring to students as well as classroom support in grades K-5, the library and art room. Additionally, collections are taken for sweat clothes and coats in the fall; holiday boxes for families during the Christmas holidays; books to take home over Spring Break; and toys and games at the end of the school year. For more information or if you would like to volunteer, please email M25@brutonparish.org.

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, powerwashing, and construction. For more information or to put your name on the Bruton Builders list, please contact builders@brutonparish.org.

Parish Gift Shop
Diane Koun, Shop Manager (757-645-2052 or dkoun@brutonparish.org)
Lori Forcucci-Smith, Shop Committee Chair (858-999-7780)
Jean Winters, Volunteer Coordinator (757-564-1662 or shopscheduler@brutonparish.org)
The Gift Shop is located in the Parish House facing the Duke of Gloucester Street, and is open seven days a week to friends, parishioners, and the public. Begun in 1995, its purpose is to extend the mission and ministry of Bruton Parish 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 to be distributed to various Outreach & Mission ministries, and funds have exceeded well over $2.3M to date. None of this would have been possible without our dedicated volunteers.

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

Books about Bruton Parish can be found in the Shop: The Bruton Parish Story by Diana L. Bailey; Guide to the Memorials at Bruton Parish Church, Edited by Sue Godson - Maps by Joe Spruill - Photographs by Hal Lindsay and CW Foundation; Let the Anthems Swell by Jock S. Darling, Bruton Parish Church Organist-Choirmaster Emeritus; Beyond Loaves and Fishes: Recipes and Reflections from Historic Bruton Parish Church; and Dr. Carl Lounsbury’s Bruton Parish Church: An Architectural History.
Music Ministry
Vestry Liaison: Margaret Driscoll & Lynn Smyth

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 (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.

Chancel Choir
Rebecca Davy, Music Director & Organist
Dr. JanEl Will, Accompanist
The Chancel Choir sings for the 11:15 a.m. Eucharist service, and the choir rehearses each Wednesday evenings in the choir room at the Parish House. 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.

Capella Choir
Rebecca Davy, Music Director & Organist
The section leaders of the Bruton Parish Choirs provided choral music throughout the pandemic and continue to both support Bruton’s extensive choral program and provide additional choral chamber music. A CD recorded in the summer of 2021 will be available in the gift shop.

Joyful Noise Choir
Director (open; joyfulnoise@brutonparish.org)
For children 4 years old to kindergarten. Currently paused due to Covid-19. Stay tuned for when this program can safely resume.

Choristers
choristers@brutonparish.org
For youth in 1st through 5th grades. Currently paused due to Covid-19. Stay tuned for when this program resumes.

Music Advisory
Angier Brock, Chair (757-234-6170)

The Tarpley Ringers
Rebecca Davy, Director
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
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 at brutonparish.org and are typically available by the 15th of the previous month.
**Sacraments & Memorial Services**

Vestry Liaison: Rick Powell

**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

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

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

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: Melinda Morgan

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**
Marty Easton, Development Director (757-345-2256 or measton@brutonparish.org)
It is our custom, and that of many Episcopal churches, to conduct an annual giving campaign in the fall of each year. The resulting income comprises approximately two thirds of the operating budget of Bruton Parish Church. The start of the annual giving period is communicated through the 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**
Marty Easton, Development Director
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 of volunteer opportunities.

**Bruton Parish Church Foundation, Inc.**
Bill Brauer, President (757-810-3019 or bpcfoundation@brutonparish.org)
Marty Easton, Development Director
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); Steve Hibbitts, Treasurer (757-564-8240)
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 term and short term goals. The Finance Committee meets regularly on the third Wednesday of each month and serves a leadership role to the Vestry.
How Do I Become A Member
Vestry Liaison: Leith Mullaly

Marty Easton, Development Director
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Baptized Communicant Members
Baptized Members are those who receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism at Bruton Parish, or those who transfer their baptismal record from another Episcopal parish or another denomination. These members are expected to become active regular participants in parish ministries, programs, and worship (receiving Holy Communion at least three times a year). These members are also expected to make a pledge as a “contributor of record” supporting the mission and ministry of Bruton Parish. These members are eligible to serve on parish committees. These members may become confirmed communicants by making their adult profession of faith in the presence of the Bishop through the rite of Confirmation. Those having already made an adult profession of faith in another denomination, may be 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.

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**Clergy Staff**
The Revd Christopher L. Epperson, Rector (cepperson@brutonparish.org)
The Revd Charles H. Bauer, Associate Rector for Christian Formation (cbauer@brutonparish.org)
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**Parish Office**
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**Children, Youth & Family Ministry**
The Rev’d Charlie Bauer, Associate Rector for Christian Formation (cbauer@brutonparish.org)
Meghan Brewer, Children & Youth Formation Coordinator (mbrewer@brutonparish.org)

**Canterbury/Campus Ministry**
The Revd Charles H. Bauer, Associate Rector for Christian Formation (chaplain@brutonparish.org)

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**Vestry (Term Ends)**
Colly Burgwyn (2023)
Chris Chavez (2023)
Margaret Driscoll (2023)
Bill Dugge, Junior Warden (2022)
Sara Fogarty (2024)
Dick Hodgson (2021)
Alex Maneval (2024)
Sally McConnell, Register (2022)
Melinda Morgan, Senior Warden (2022)
Leith Mullaly (2023)
Rick Powell (2023)
Lynn Smyth (2024)
Register Email: register@brutonparish.org

**Vestry Commissions**
Colly Burgwyn  Reaching Out
Chris Chavez  Children & Youth
Margaret Driscoll  Worship
Bill Dugge, Jr.  Property
Sara Fogarty  Adult Education
Dick Hodgson  Reaching Out
Alex Maneval  Adult Education
Sally McConnell  Communication & Service
Melinda Morgan  Finance
Leith Mullaly  Fellowship
Rick Powell  Pastoral Support & Property
Lynn Smyth  Worship
Steve Hibbitts  Finance/Treasurer