

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Every two years, in the warmth of a June day in Maryland, Christ Church hosts a Service of Remembrance. The event is open to the public, and families with loved ones buried in the Cemetery are personally invited.

Participants are seated within the outlines of the original church. They take part in a service, which may draw from the Book of Common Prayer of 1559—the same text which families would have used in the 1600s to pay respects to their loved ones who had died. After the service, they gather in the sacred ground to share stories and enjoy refreshments, just as their ancestors would have done in the centuries since 1652.



Welcoming All To Our Historic Site

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Broad Creek Cemetery

830 Romancoke Rd., Stevensville, MD 21666

VISION: We comfort, assure, respect, provide hope, and touch the lives of people.

MISSION: We serve the interment needs of community and church members by providing:

- Guidance through the process of death and interment,
- Respect, comfort, and hope in a time of need,
- An historic, picturesque, and peaceful site for interment,
- Long-term perpetual care for the final resting place of loved ones.

VALUES

- Excellence in service and quality of care
- Pride in our history of love, care, and hope
- Respect for the individual and family
- Long-term perpetual care

Gifts Welcome and Appreciated.

Charitable donations to Christ Church Parish Kent Island and the Broad Creek Cemetery qualify for tax treatment to nonprofit organizations under the 501(c)(3) section of the Internal Revenue Code.



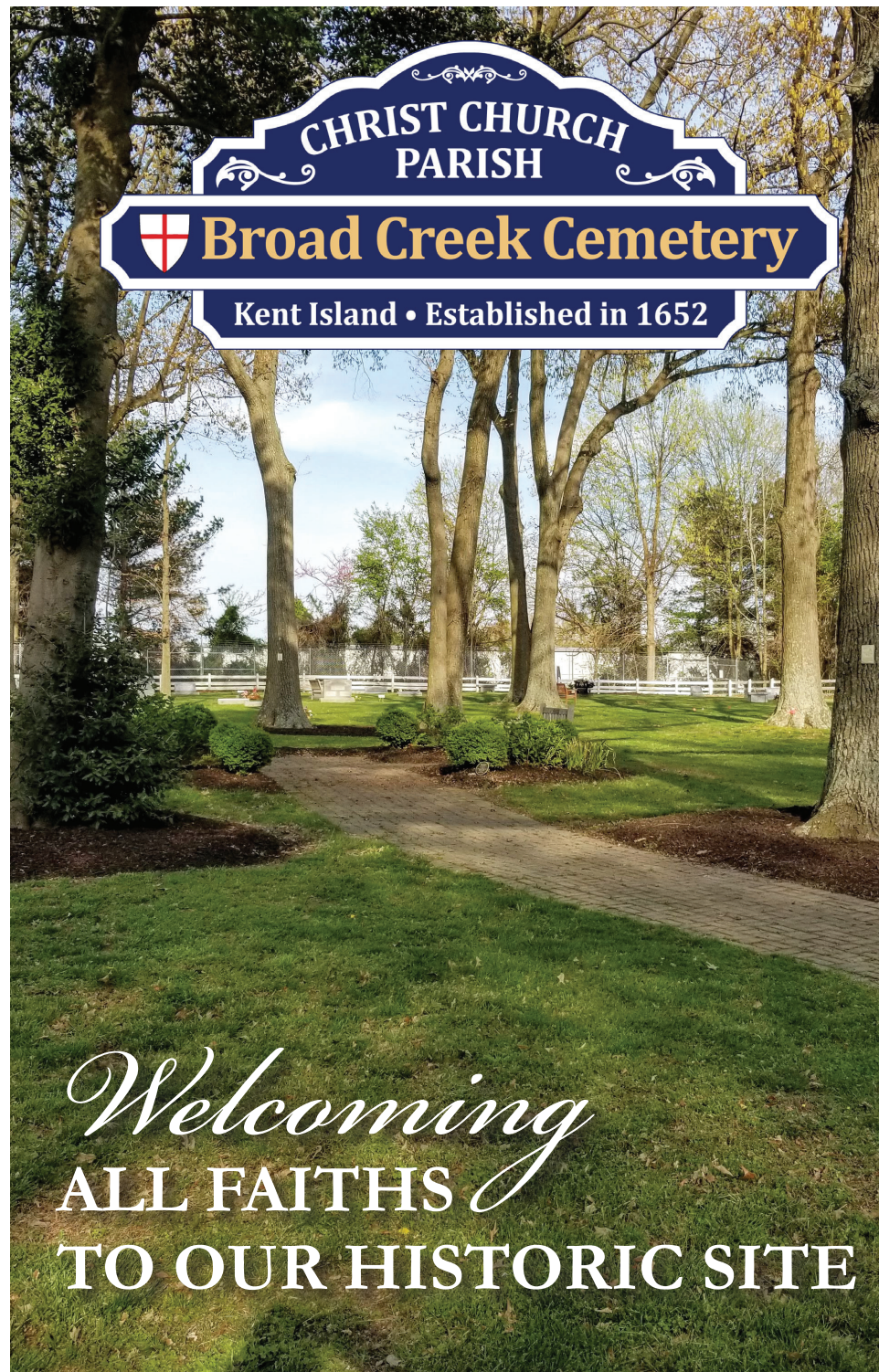
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HISTORIC

In 1631, William Claiborne had a Church constructed inside Kent Fort. By 1652, as the population moved northward, they built the first of three structures that would successively occupy our Broad Creek site. At the time, the town of Broad Creek was a thriving community with a tavern, tobacco warehouse, and a ferry that crossed the Bay to Annapolis.

The three buildings, built in 1652, 1712, and 1826, reflected the eras of their construction. The first Broad Creek Church was probably a small brick rectangle (like the Old Wye Church to our east). By 1712, the population of Maryland had grown four-fold, and a larger building was constructed and then enlarged

again in 1748. Sadly, the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 witnessed the decline of the parish. Construction started on the third church at Broad Creek in 1826 and completed in 1840. Only 50 years later, most of the residents of Broad Creek had moved into the growing village of Stevensville, where “the Old Church” we now know was consecrated in 1880. Burials continued at the Broad Creek burying ground until 1903.

By the mid-20th century, the cemetery had become neglected and overgrown. In 1959, a team led by H. Chandlee Foreman and Dr. Reginald Truitt excavated the site and found the foundations of the church structures. Shortly thereafter, a group of Christ Church parishioners realized the historical significance of the Broad Creek Cemetery, and they took steps to protect the site and restore the property. They cleared underbrush, protected the historic grave markers, plotted new grave sites, paved the driveway, landscaped the entrance, and erected a sign and historical markers.

The first interment at the reopened Broad Creek Cemetery took place in February of 2002.

Archeological digs continue to protect the rich heritage of the Broad Creek Site. The National Park Service included the Cemetery in the *Star Spangled Banner National Historic Trail* to help people remember how important Kent Island was in the war that established, once and for all, that ours was an independent nation.



WELCOMING

The Broad Creek Cemetery, a ministry of Christ Church Parish Kent Island, welcomes people of all faiths and races to our historic site.

COMFORTING

Situated adjacent to the Chesapeake Bay and well back from the busy Route 8 access point, the Cemetery provides a peaceful, secluded, sacred, and picturesque setting in which to remember the lives of loved ones, gather one's thoughts, reflect on the past, or simply to relax and enjoy the beauty of nature.

PROTECTED

Church members, community volunteers, and families of loved ones resting in the Cemetery carefully and regularly maintain and improve the Cemetery grounds. Donations and site sales maintain the trees and beautify the surroundings.

A portion of each site sale is invested in the well-established Long-Term Perpetual Care Fund, which will provide the resources to maintain the Cemetery long after all the sites are filled. Management of funds for Cemetery maintenance will be prudent and in accordance with Maryland and Christ Church's policies for endowment funds, and they are held separately from any church funds.

ACTIVE

Interment sites are available in the Cemetery. They have been surveyed and mapped out surrounding the foundations of the historic church. Care is taken with each burial not to disturb archeological artifacts. The historic church foundations are carefully preserved.

Plans to build a columbarium to protect the cremated remains of loved ones are underway. The Columbarium Fund, established to fund the project, is nearly sufficient to begin work on the project. Several families are committed to and eagerly awaiting the construction of the columbarium for the interment of their loved ones.

