



"Old Trinity Church: Its History and Its People" , by Rev. Dan Dunlap, Wednesday, 7 February 2018

The Rev. Dan Dunlap and his family moved to Dorchester County, Maryland in 2014. Fr. Dan currently serves two parishes in the Episcopal Diocese of Easton: Old Trinity Church, Church Creek and St. John's Chapel, Cornersville. He has also served parishes in Philadelphia, PA, Exeter, England, and Tomball, TX. He received his doctorate in historical theology from Wycliffe Hall, Oxford in 2001 and has taught at various seminaries and colleges. Before coming to Dorchester County he served as Professor of Historical Theology & Worship at Houston Graduate School of Theology for ten years and as their Dean of the Faculty for five years. Lately he has enjoyed teaching for the Institute of Adult Learning at Chesapeake College (Cambridge Center) in the areas of Science & Religion and Christian History.

Rev. Dunlap discussed the history of Old Trinity Church, located along the south bank of Church Creek, a small tributary to the Little Choptank River. It was built sometime prior to 1690, possibly even a decade or so before. While its mere existence bestows a name upon both the adjacent creek and a nearby community, nothing else about this unassuming colonial brick structure, except perhaps the semi-circular recess, or apse, on its east end, gives it away as a house of worship. Yet for over 300 years, Old Trinity Church has been the home of generations of faithful Episcopalians, members of the only denomination ever to enjoy legal status in colonial Maryland. Join us as its current rector, Fr. Dan Dunlap, shared with us what he has learned through his research about this unique Dorchester County legacy and about the character of the people who were among the first to bring their Christian faith to the New World.

