

Hello, St. Paul's. I am excited to be your new music director. I have been immersed in church music for the past twenty-two years and it has been a deeply gratifying and fulfilling part of my life. My husband, Mark, is a retired U.S. Navy aviator so my experiences come from many different duty stations, churches and chapels in the United States and in Iceland! I have served as organist and pianist, handbell director and choir director. I have led children, youth and adult choirs in voice and handbells. I enjoy composition and in 2017 had the great privilege of premiering my original TRINITY SUITE in concert at St. Francis by the Sea in Salter Path where I served as music director from 2010 to 2018. I teach private piano lessons to all ages, beginner to advanced. I sing in the Carolina East Singers community choir and in Schola Cantorum, the auditioned choir of the Diocese of East Carolina, whose mission is to preserve the tradition of choral evensong throughout the diocese and beyond. I already know several members of St. Paul's: some are my piano students, some are fellow choristers, some live in my neighborhood, some went to East Carteret with my husband back in the 70's, some went to East Carteret with our children Stephanie and Jon from 2009-2013, and some are friends of the Laughton family which goes back generations in the Beaufort community. Coming to St. Paul's feels like coming home, and I look forward to getting to know the rest of the family.

Linda Laughton