

The Link

ST FRANCIS • OLD SARUM • LONGHEDGE

JUNE 2024



WHAT'S ON AT HOPE CHURCH

Themes for the month:

“Why do Christians ...

- pray?
- share bread& wine?
- sing?
- meet on Sundays? ”

MISSION FOCUS

Juba School

WHAT'S ON AT ST FRANCIS

Body, Soul & Spirit

Strictly Ladies: Collectors' evening

Mothers' Union: AMARE talk

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“WHAT NEXT?” AT HOPE CHURCH

This month Hope Church are exploring what happened after the Easter story - Where did Jesus go? Who is the Holy Spirit? Pentecost and Trinity

WORSHIP AT ST FRANCIS www.st-francischurch.org.uk

Regular Sunday Services

- **9.30am Friendly traditional service**
- **11am Family service with children's groups**
- **Refreshments are served from 10.30am**
- **7pm 1st Sunday BIBLE FOCUS**
- **7pm 3rd Sunday ENCOUNTER**
- **(Encounter alternates with St Paul's Church)**

2nd June 2024

Soul: Mind 1: Choosing our thoughts
Matthew 6.25-34, Romans 8.1-11

BIBLE FOCUS 7PM

9th June 2024

Soul: Mind 2: The gift of remembering well
Deuteronomy 6.1-9, 1 Corinthians 11.17-29

16th June 2024 FATHERS' DAY

Soul: Heart 1: Choosing Forgiveness
Matthew 6.9-13, Matthew 18.21-35

ENCOUNTER 7PM ST PAULS

23rd June 2024

Soul: Heart 2: Cultivating a grateful heart
1 Thessalonians 5.12-24, Philippians 4.4-9

30th June 2024

Soul: Heart 3: Holding onto hope
Psalm 130, 1 Peter 1.3-9

EVENSONG AT ST LAWRENCE

Every second Sunday in the month at **6pm** (NB new time!) St Lawrence at Stratford-sub-Castle holds an Evensong Service which is supported by the St Francis choir. It is a joint service to which all parishioners from all our 3 churches in the benefice are very welcome, as they are any Sunday at 10am.

www.saintlawrence.org.uk



LETTER FROM A CURATE

**'Why was June made?—Can you guess?
June was made for happiness!
Even the trees
Know this, and the breeze
That loves to play
Outside all day,
And never is too bold or rough,
Like March's wind, but just a tiny blow's
enough;
And all the fields know
This is so—
June was not made for wind and stress,
June was made for happiness.'**



So wrote Annette Wynne in her poem 'Why Was June Made?'

June is a splendid month, isn't it? Everything growing, a carnival of colour in the parks and countryside.

For me, the phrase 'the breeze...loves to play' points to a shift of focus that occurs as the sunshine breaks in and warmer air arrives. If given the choice, we want to get to where we can relax and be playful in the fair weather - the beach, the countryside, the garden.

One of the highlights of my week as a curate is going in to Stratford sub Castle school to take a time of Collective Worship. The theme for the first Summer term has been Friendship. Through drama and song, the pupils have been exploring the story of Mary and Martha in Luke's Gospel. Here, Jesus drops in on these two sisters. Martha gets busy in the kitchen while Mary just sits at Jesus' feet, learning from him and enjoying his company.

After a while, Martha gets fed up and bursts into the living room: 'Jesus, please tell my lazy sister to get out into the kitchen, do her duty and HELP!'

But Jesus just responds 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.' Mary is commended for doing less, for slowing down and being present with Jesus.

Increasingly in Western culture we define ourselves by what we achieve and earn. This comes at a cost – a good deal of 'wind' and 'stress'. But just as Summer brings new colours and atmospheres, so Christians believe that through the life and legacy of Jesus, new possibilities arrived.

Happy June!

P.S. There is a fun song on youtube about Mary and Martha - 'Mary and Martha (video to song by Colin Buchanan)'.

Rev'd Joe Stone

Hope CHURCH

HOPE CHURCH UPDATE – SUZIE ALLEN ARRIVES!

Tuesday 23rd April was a red - letter day for Hope Church and St Lawrence church, Stratford-sub-Castle, as on that day our new pioneer priest, Suzie Allen, was officially licensed to begin her ministry in the two churches.

The special licensing service was held at St Lawrence, with Bishop Andrew of Ramsbury officiating in front of a packed church. The service was an extremely joyful occasion, the congregation delighted to welcome Suzie to take the churches forward after an inter-regnum of nearly a year.

The intention is that Suzie will split her time equally between Hope and St Lawrence.

For the time being, she will be leading services at Hope Church on the first and third Sundays each month in the Old Sarum and Longhedge Community Centre, while she will take services at St Lawrence on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. However, there will be flexibility in this arrangement while everything settles down into a new rhythm.

Meanwhile Hope Church will continue as usual, with an all-age service on the first Sunday of the month, Messy Church on the second Sunday and services with Hope Kids and a Bible and Bacon Butty Brunch usually on the third and fourth Sundays. (NB The order of the last two has been reversed during May). All are welcome for pre-service refreshments from 10.00 onwards: services start at 10.15. We'd love you to come and join us!

Suzie (centre) at her licensing service on 23rd April



St Lawrence Church
Stratford sub Castle



CAFE

Open for Cream Teas & Cakes

Kitchen/Garden Produce and Pre-Loved Books

**The Reading Room
Stratford-sub-Castle, SP1 3LL**

Sundays 2.30 - 4.30pm

2nd June

7th July

4th August

1st September

PROCEEDS TO VARIOUS LOCAL CHARITIES

**Old Sarum Community Centre, Pheasant Drive,
Old Sarum SP4 6GH**

what's coming up

June '24

SUNDAY 2ND AT 10AM | ALL AGE WORSHIP

'Why do Christians pray?' Come and join us for informal family worship with Rev. Suzie Allen, suitable for all ages.

SUNDAY 9TH AT 10AM | MESSY CHURCH

It's church but not as you know it. Come along for a delicious brunch, then get busy crafting, playing and listening to a great story based on the Fruits of the Spirit with Joy.

SUNDAY 16TH AT 10AM | SUNDAY GATHERING

'Why do Christians share bread and wine?'. Suzie will be giving a talk for the adults and the kids have fun at their group.* We will then come together to share communion.

SUNDAY 23RD AT 10AM | ALL AGE WORSHIP BRUNCH

'Why do Christians sing together?' Do join us for bacon butties and worship service suitable for all ages.

SUNDAY 30TH JUNE | HOPE ALTERNATIVE

'Why do Christians meet on Sundays?' Come along for a social and short of act of worship

*Hope Kids is a group that is tailored to 3 - 7 year olds with lots of fun, creativity, and stories.

TEAMS BEHIND THE SCENES - HAROLD FULTON

Harold joined the Sunday School at St Francis at the age of 5 in 1947. Over the years he has had many roles in the church. He ran the youth group in the 1960s. For the last 60 years he has quietly been a "server" giving communion to all who wish to receive it at the early Sunday morning service. As a young man of 82 he spends much of his free time dancing, so thinks nothing of the weekly walk from Tollgate Road near Wiltshire College across town to St Francis! Here is his story - do you recognise any of the names of the parishioners he cites?



My family arrived in the parish in 1947. I attended St Francis Sunday School when the parish hall was just off Stratford Road.

I attended St Mark's school and joined the Cubs, then Scouts. I also joined the church choir, but very soon found that my voice wasn't up to muster, so it was suggested that I have a chat with Mr Trusk, who was Head Server - we got along brilliantly and I have continued ever since.

At around this time I joined the Youth Group, run by Mrs Ness. When John and Jean Warren became Leaders of Youth Fellowship it became one of the most organised clubs I have ever been to; I think we had a committee and sub-committee for absolutely everything!

After years of being on various Youth committees, I took over being Chairman from Roger Lindsey. By now I was working at Boscombe Down.

In the early 1960s, John and Jean Warren left for East Croydon, Roger and myself became co-leaders of the Youth Fellowship. Not long after that, I met Gillian and we married in 1966; our son was born in 1974.

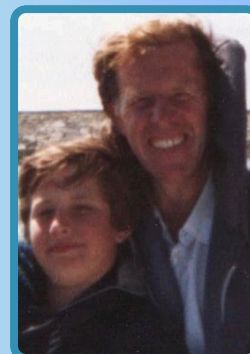
Although I moved from the parish, I remained a Server through all the ups and downs of life - and there have been a few! I clearly remember walking back home to the other side of Salisbury after Christmas Eve Mass, making sure that Father Christmas had called on Harold, then back to St Francis for the 8am service!

Gillian and I loved to travel, I have visited diverse countries such as Egypt, Jordan, India, Peru, USA and Turkey. During one holiday to Turkey, we met some youngsters outside their school and they were very interested in what we thought of their country and food, one of the girls was called Sultan. Gillian took her address details and they started to exchange letters, this eventually led to us staying at their home. We also invited Sultan to stay with us in Salisbury and suggested that she attend the Salisbury School of English ... which she did and today she is an Associate Professor of Social Sciences at the Queen's University, Belfast! I still go and stay with her - what a wonderful friendship from a chance meeting miles from home.

My wife Gillian passed away some fifteen years ago, I was amazed by how time seemed to stand still, but I have family and friends and the church is my place of comfort... and always has been.

Serving at St Francis has been my privilege.

Harold's son - also called Harold - says, "I think that serving for so long shows his massive dedication to the role. It's the wonderfulness, diligence and determination to do one's best that can get a bit lost these days."



DECLUTTERING

Are you ever a person that sits down at night and thinks, “How am I going to get through this week and get anything done?” I suspect there are many of us that would agree with this statement.

We all need plans and hopes for the future no matter what our age is, it's completely natural. But if this pressure is getting you down, then we often need to break these down into manageable chunks and ask for help.

As it says in Zechariah 4:6-7:

“It is not by force nor by strength, but by my Spirit” says the Lord Almighty. “Nothing, not even a mighty mountain, will stand in Zerubbabel’s way; it will flatten out before him!”

By handing over to God each day seeking his will for you, it's amazing what can be done taking one day at a time. In your daily walk with faith and with your problems in front of you, it can be improved. It always makes me smile when looking at a pile of washing or pile of paperwork, knowing that it can be flattened!

When going into clients' homes, it is common for them to feel overwhelmed, only able to see the mess and have no idea where to start. Having another pair of eyes away from the situation can help focus the mind on a manageable daily amount.



These daily small steps produce very noticeable results, and the unwanted pressure soon becomes negligible.

Daily lists have a positive effect if you are kind to yourself. Avoid falling into the trap of listing everything you want to achieve at once – this will seem insurmountable. It is important to create realistic, achievable targets of 3 – 5 daily jobs. Make sure you cross each job off as you complete it - this will highlight what you have achieved and will be very motivating. The list-making will continue every day, but you can look back over a week and see how well you have achieved your goals.

Just as you see the goals being achieved, we should look back and thank God for his help achieving them. Zechariah continues in 4:10

“Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin.”

I am a professional declutterer and organiser, Naomi Oosthuizen. If you are feeling the overwhelming pressure and would like some help with your home, please do get in touch 07900795158 or go through my website: www.lettingcluttergo.co.uk



MISSION: JUBA DIOCESAN MODEL SECONDARY SCHOOL (JDMSS) *"Building a brighter future"*



In 2005 St Francis Church, Salisbury renovated their own church and pledged £40,000 to send money for a project in South Sudan. The Sudanese Archbishop had asked for help to build a church secondary school in Juba, where the church was already running 10 primary schools. The challenge was accepted and in April 2007 the school opened its doors to its first intake of students.

Generous giving by the people of Salisbury, private individuals and Christian Charities has enabled the construction of classroom blocks, (in time for the new intake of students each year), together with a Science laboratory (2011) a Girls Boarding House (2013) and a boys toilet block (2014). On 27 March 2015 a 2-storey building was opened providing 3 new classrooms and another staff room for the teachers. There is currently an urgent need for 3 more classrooms, a science block extension and a computer room.

It was enjoyable hearing the good news of Juba Diocesan Model Secondary School at the JDMSS Eye-Opener event at St Francis church in May. It was also sobering to learn of the challenges being faced every day by the staff and the now almost 1000 pupils of the school.

Charlie Thackway – chair of the Friends of the school – reminded us that the first challenge had been the setting up of the school in 2006 and how our parish church had largely paid for the initial buildings. Since then, South Sudan has continually been beset by war and other troubles; most notable now is the hyperinflation.

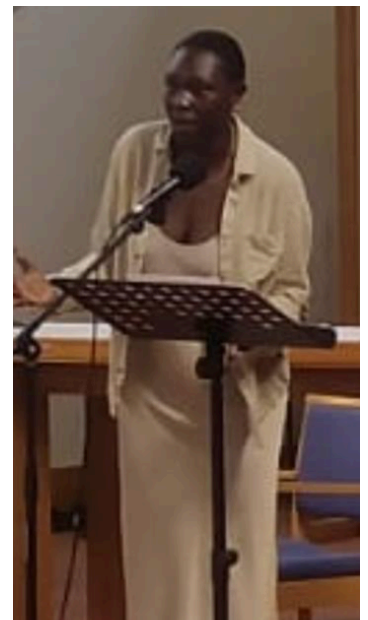
Robert Kei – the school's headmaster – explained, in a pre-recorded video, that budgets become meaningless after a few months and that his teachers' salaries lose their buying power as the school terms go by. His gratitude for financial support was very evident.

Several of the school pupils, also speaking in the video, also expressed their thanks to their sponsors – about 100 pupils have their school fees significantly subsidised by considerate people in the UK, many local to this corner of Salisbury. These pupils spoke with joy and enthusiasm. They were clearly achievers and keen to change their world for the better.

Robert Hayward, a former Christian Aid worker and frequent visitor to the school, was interviewed by Jo Sturdy. He highlighted the excellence of the science teaching in the schools' new labs, and the high demand for places in the girls' boarding house, enabling many girls to access education without the distractions of a South Sudanese home life or the dangers of a daily commute in Juba. As well as the excellence of the academic teaching, he spoke of the Christian ethos of the school, the enthusiasm for football, music and dance, also of the drama through which positive values are promoted to counter the hatred and violence which is all too common in a troubled country.

Liza Bilal, herself South Sudanese, made an impromptu appearance at the mic to reiterate the importance of education to her compatriots, particularly the girls.

The audience posed interesting questions of the speakers and the animated discussions enlivened the lunch.



PUZZLES

Sudoku

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Community Show

‘Bake, Grow,
Make, Show’

SAVE THE DATE - Saturday 7th September 2024

St Francis Church, Beatrice Road, Salisbury

Do you enjoy baking? Got a good holiday photo? Have you been growing vegetables? Taken up a new hobby?

Fancy having a go at flower arranging?

Then have a go, all abilities and ages welcome

Schedules will be available mid July 2024 from

St Francis Church, 1 Assisi Road or Castlemere, Stratford Sub Castle.

For more information email emmalsquire@yahoo.co.uk

Do please join us at our meeting on Wednesday 12th June at 10am, when Shelley Stokes will be telling us about the work of AMARE, the Mothers' Union in Northern Argentina.

Responding to the challenges faced by families in both urban and rural areas, members of AMARE are actively engaged in a number of social outreach projects:

- Worldwide Parenting Programme
- Local community reconciliation
- Faith development
- Hospital visiting
- Marriage preparation



YOUTH THIS SUMMER

YOUNGER YOUTH YRS 6-9

- FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH SOCIAL IN THE LOUNGE 6PM TO 7.30PM
- SUNDAY AM DISCIPLESHIP STARTING IN CHURCH @ 11AM THEN HEADED TO THE YOUTH LOUNGE FOR FOOD AND DISCIPLESHIP

YRS 6-13

- DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS - CONTACT US FOR INFO DIFFERENT GROUPS AVAILABLE
- MAY 19TH - YOUTH MEAL @ 6PM IN THE CHAPTER ROOM THEN JOINING THE CHURCH FAMILY @ 7PM FOR AN ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE

OLDER YOUTH YRS 10-13




- FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH SOCIAL
- IN THE LOUNGE 7.30PM TO 9PM
- SUNDAY AM DISCIPLESHIP
- STARTING IN CHURCH @ 11AM THEN HEADED TO THE BEATRICE ROOM FOR FOOD AND DISCIPLESHIP
- SUNDAY PM DISCIPLESHIP
- IN THE LOUNGE
- 7PM TO 9PM
- YOUTH DINNERS APRIL 21ST & JUNE 16TH

**This is
 the day
 the Lord
 has
 made,
 let us
 rejoice
 and be
 glad in it.
 Psalm
 114.8**

PANZANELLA

from the BBC Good Food website,
by Esther Clark

Prepare your own version of one of Tuscany's most famous dishes, panzanella. It's a good way to use up leftovers, as it's made with stale bread - simply toss with ripe tomatoes and an olive oil dressing.

 Prep: 30 mins  Easy  Serves 4-6
Cook: 15 mins

Ingredients

1kg [ripe mixed tomatoes](#), halved if small, quartered if large

300g [day-old sourdough](#) or ciabatta, torn into large chunks

100ml [extra virgin olive oil](#)

50ml red wine vinegar

1 small [shallot](#), finely chopped

50g tin [anchovies](#), drained and roughly chopped

100g [black olives](#), pitted

large handful of [basil](#) leaves, torn



STEP 1

Heat the oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Put the tomatoes in a [colander](#) and sprinkle over 1 tsp sea salt, then leave to sit for 15 mins.

STEP 2

Spread the chunks of bread out on a baking tray and toss with 1 tbsp of the oil. Bake for 10-15 mins, or until lightly toasted.

STEP 3

In a bowl, [whisk](#) together the remaining oil, the vinegar and shallot. Season to taste. Toss the anchovies with the tomatoes, croutons, olive oil dressing, the olives and half the basil in a large bowl. Spoon the panzanella onto a serving plate and top with the remaining basil.

WHAT'S ON AT ST FRANCIS

STRICTLY COME LADIES - COLLECTORS NIGHT

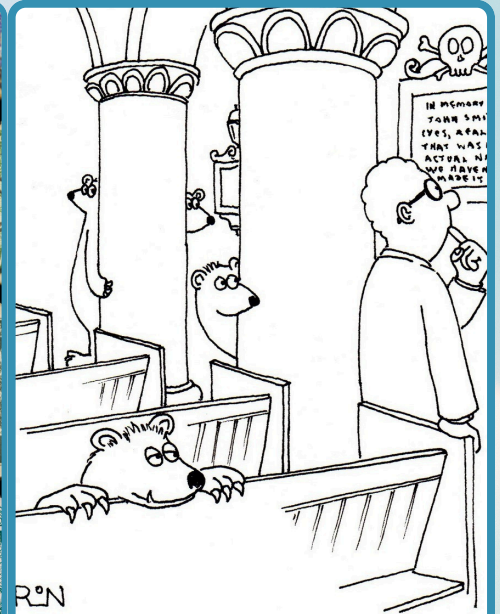
Are there any collectors
reading this?

Fridge magnets, plates from
around the world, elephants or
something more unusual?

We'd love to see some of your
favourites from your collection.
Come along to the Beatrice
Room and share your enthusiasm
with others as well as enjoying
some strawberry treats.

7.30pm on Friday June 21st.
Everyone welcome, bring a
friend!

More info: jacky.macleod1@ntlworld,
Jenny Pankhurst tel:328761



Dennis spent a long time in church
looking for his forbears



We hope you can make
one of our next events
which are coming soon.
Don't forget to invite
family, friends and
neighbours; the more
the merrier!

We are a St Francis based
fellowship and service group,
focused on people 50+ in
age. The events are open to
all.

To find out more, or to be
added to the email
distribution list, contact
kris@richardson.net or any
of the event organisers



Wednesday, June 19,
2:30-4:30pm
**FREE JAZZ
CONCERT**

in the garden of Arundells
in the
Salisbury Cathedral Close
followed by a cream tea.

This event is provided by Celebrating
Age Wiltshire and is free.

Bookings are required and can be
made by calling 07955 249288 or email
CAWSupport@wiltshiremusic.org.uk

Ladybirds

Pre-School



Ladybirds Pre-School is your local childcare setting that has long established ties within our community, located in St Francis Church Hall.

We are a free-flow setting, this allows the children to choose where they want to learn, be it in our indoor area where their imaginations and creativity are inspired or in our exciting outside space.

We currently have spaces so please get in touch using the contact information below if you would like more information, or to arrange a visit.

ladybirdssp1@gmail.com 01722 502234

ST FRANCIS COMMUNITY SINGERS

If you like singing come and join us at St Francis on **Mondays from 3.00pm - 4.00pm** Tea and biscuits beforehand at 2.30pm. We have a super, well qualified, young bubbly leader who always gets us laughing! It's all very informal No audition! £5 a session (first session free). Please contact Di Webb on 07733 433615 or the Church Office for more information.



Dance yourself fit to a fusion of Latin and international music, combined with a heart-pumping cardio workout that's easy to follow and fun to do!

**St Francis Church Hall,
Beatrice Road – Wednesday
9.45-10.45am / £7.**

For class details contact Lisa Brewer 07941307683. Licensed Zumba instructor.

ZUMBA



FRIDAY CAFÉ @ ST FRANCIS

The cafe is open to anyone, every Friday 9.30 - 11.30am.

Offering fresh filter coffee, tea, cakes and biscuits, all £1 per item, including free refills.

A Job That Gives Back

We are looking for wonderful people in Salisbury to help an older person to stay in their own home. Pay starts at £12 per hour with paid wait and travel time.

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Lions Clubs of Salisbury & District

FREE PROSTATE CANCER SCREENING

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer among men (after skin cancer), but it can often be treated successfully.

The Lions Club of Salisbury & District in conjunction with The Graham Fulford Charitable Trust has organised a FREE testing day in Salisbury.

- **WHAT?** Free Prostate cancer blood test
- **WHERE?** St Francis Church, Beatrice Road, Salisbury SP1 3PN
- **WHEN?** Saturday 14th September 2024, 11.00 - 15:00 hours
- **WHO?** ALL men 40 - 85

How to book an appointment:

- Go to <https://sdlc.mypsatests.org.uk>
- Follow the instructions, you will be sent an email to your registered email address, please open this and click on the green verification button.
- Make a note of your login details, login and choose your appointment.

If you have any problems with making your appointment, please contact the office via (01926) 419959 and one of the team will help you.

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JUNE 2024

WHAT'S ON

EVERY WEEK:

MONDAYS St Francis Community Singers 2.30pm

TUESDAYS POLO (Parents of Little Ones) St Francis 9.45am

THURSDAYS Teddybears Toddler Group St Francis 10-11.30am

FRIDAYS Friday Cafe at St Francis 9.30 - 11.30 am

Friday Night Youth at St Francis 6-7.30pm (school years 6-9) 7.30-9pm (10-13)

SUNDAY 2ND

HOPE 10am All Age (at Old Sarum Community Centre)

St Francis 9.30, 11am, 7pm Bible Focus & 7pm Youth (school years 10-13)

SUNDAY 9TH

HOPE 10am Messy Church

St Francis 9.30 & 11am & 7pm Youth (school years 10-13)

St Lawrence Evensong 6pm

WEDNESDAY 12th Mothers' Union 9.45 St Francis

SUNDAY 16TH

HOPE 10am Sunday Gathering

St Francis 9.30, 11am

6PM Youth (school years 6-13) Dinner

7pm ENCOUNTER at St Paul's Church

WEDNESDAY 19th 50s and Beyond (SEE P.12 FOR DETAILS)

FRIDAY 21st Strictly Come Ladies St Francis 7.30pm

SUNDAY 23RD

HOPE 10am All Age (at Old Sarum Community Centre)

St Francis 9.30, 11am, & 7pm Youth (school years 10-13)

SUNDAY 30TH

HOPE 10am Social (at Old Sarum Community Centre)

St Francis 9.30, 11am, & 7pm Youth (school years 10-13)

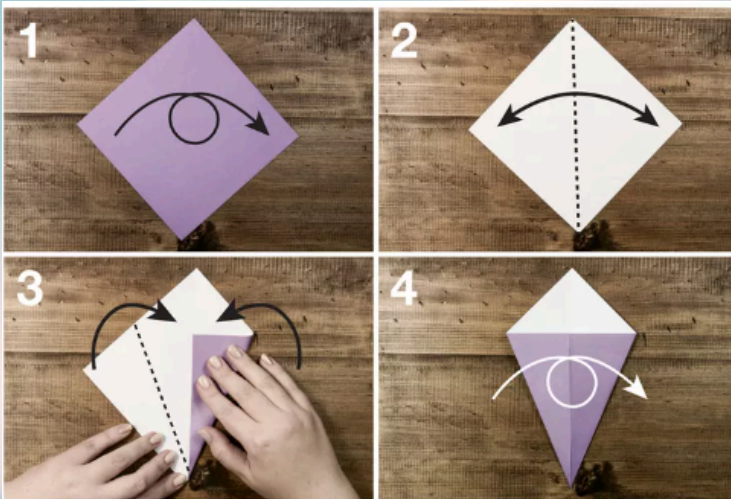
GET CREATIVE!

Adapted from <https://www.thesprucecrafts.com> by Chrissy PK

Origami is the ancient Japanese art of paper folding. Follow the steps to create a beautiful, simple origami swan, often made and gifted as a symbol of love. Start with a square of paper...

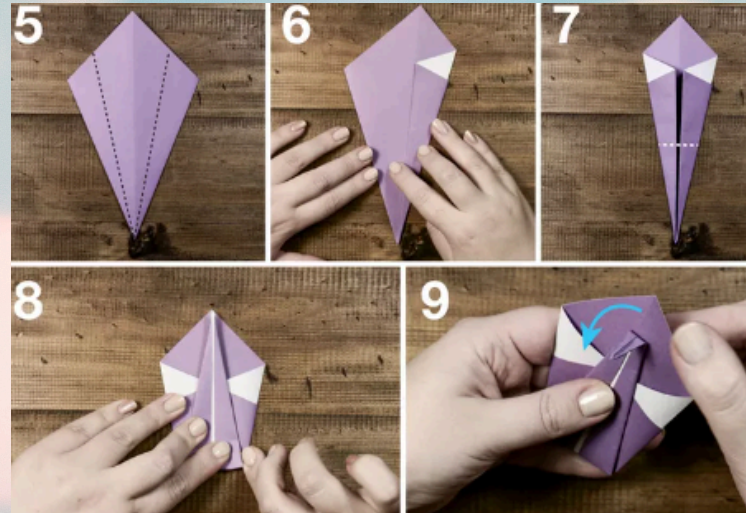
Step 01, Make the body

- Fold the paper in half diagonally and unfold.
- Fold the left and right edges into the middle.
- Flip the model over.



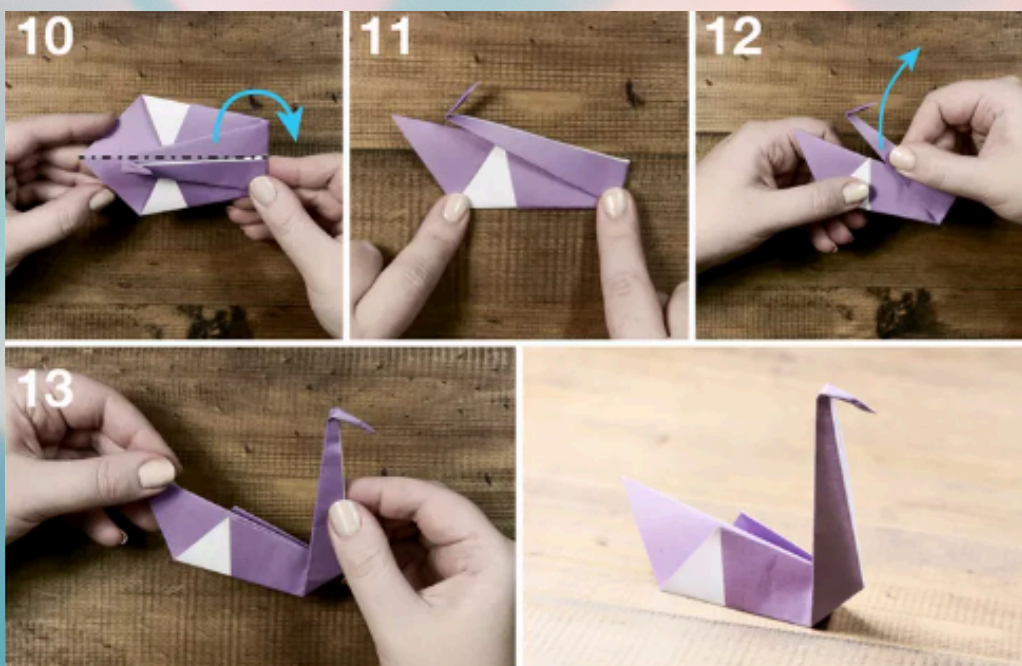
Step 02, Fold the neck and head

- Fold the left and right edges to the middle.
- Fold the bottom corner up to the top.
- Fold down a small section to make the swan's head.



Step 03, Make the finishing touches

- Fold the top side (the swan's head side) in half, lengthwise and backwards (study the photographs carefully).
- Whilst holding the bottom (swan body) down, pull the neck and head only upwards.
- Decide on a position for the swan's neck and then crease..
- You should now have a swan that can stay up on its own.



IMPORTANT:

If you end up with a bit of mess, please don't worry! Origami takes practice to master and the key is to make your folds and creases as precise and crisp as you possibly can.

