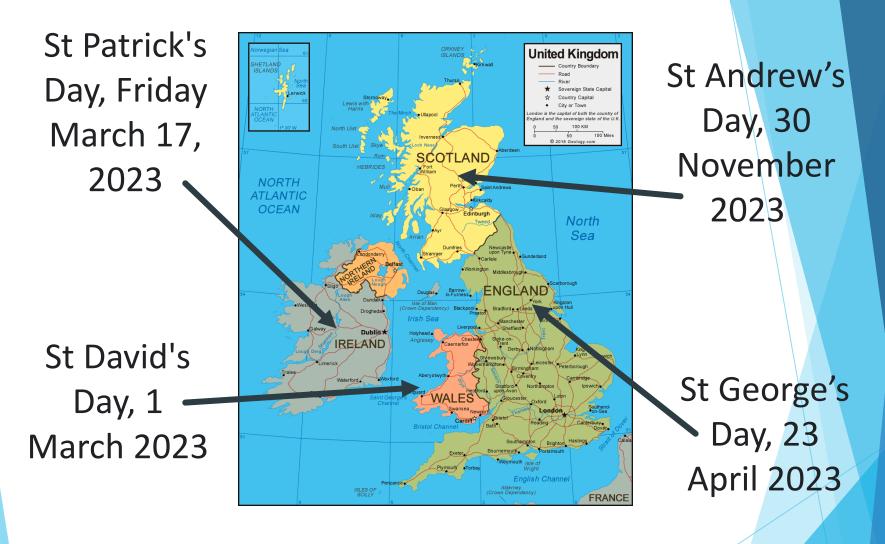


St George's Day



Why are there Saint Days?

St Patrick's Day, Friday March 17, 2023

The day remembers
Saint Patrick and
the arrival of
Christianity in
Ireland.

St David's Day, 1 March 2023

Saint David is the patron saint of Wales! This celebration is held to remember him.



St Andrew's

Day, 30

November

2023

In 1320, St Andrew officially became the patron saint of Scotland when the country's independence was declared

St George's

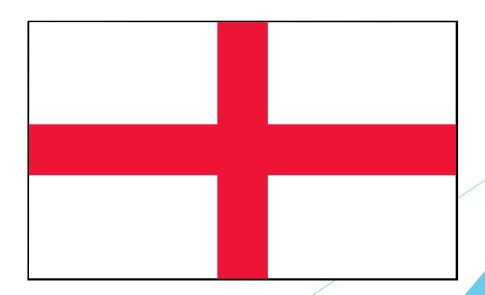
Day, 23

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St George is the patron saint of England and it is believed that he was a soldier in the Roman army who died a martyr's (killed because of his beliefs) death for his faith in 303 AD.

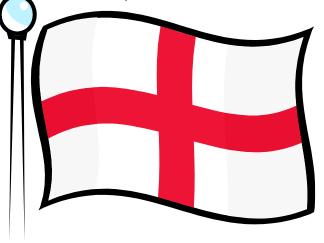
## Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023 Saint George's Day

But who was St. George?

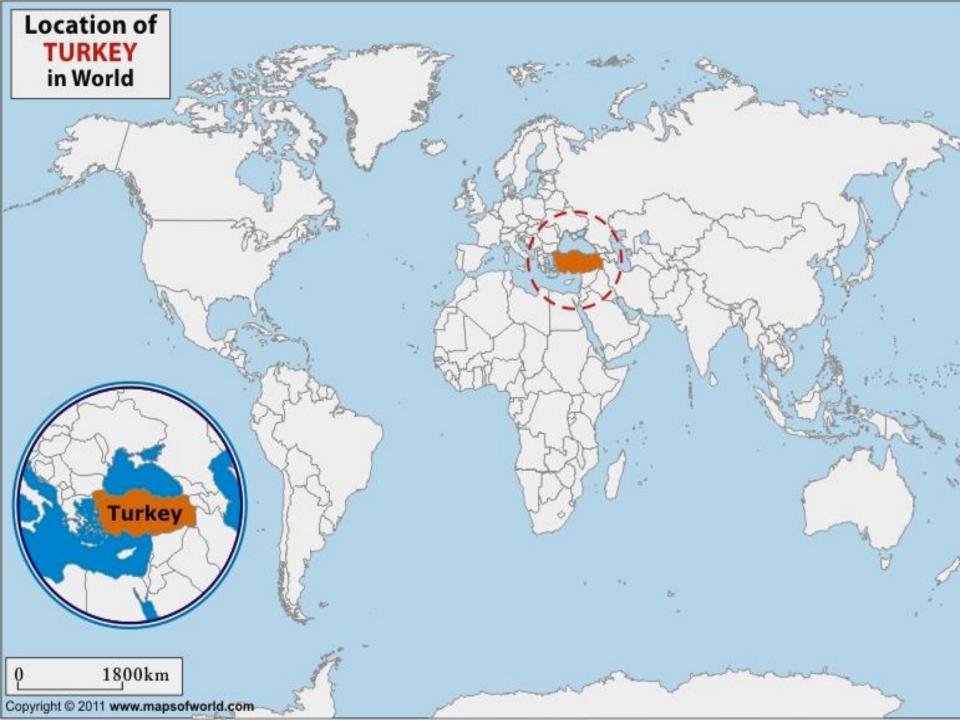


## There is a lot written about St. George.

Some of it is fact, but some is fiction.



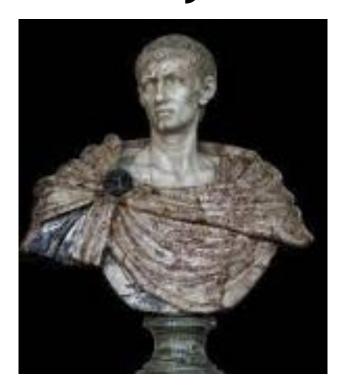
What is believed to be fact...



George was an excellent soldier and was chosen to protect the emperor, Emperor Diocletian.



Emperor Diocletian was not a Christian, in fact he hated Christians! He order that any Christians within the Roman army should be killed!





George disagreed with the emperor and told him that he was, himself, a Christian. The emperor didn't want to lose one of his best soldiers and tried to convince George to stop being a Christian. He even offered him land and money!

Time and time again, George refused the emperor's offers, saying that his Christian faith was too important to him.

Eventually Diocletian lost patience and had George beheaded on

23<sup>rd</sup> April AD303.



Christians were so proud of George's bravery that he was made a saint.

They built churches in his honour and George's story was used to demonstrate the power of faith and to convince others to become Christians.



## Reflection

What school value did St George show?

What can we learn from his actions?

