

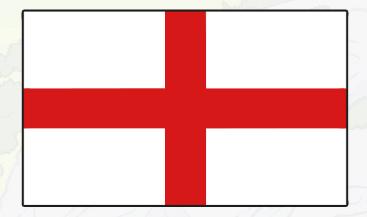
## St. George's Day

- St. George's Day is England's national day.
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> was named St. George's Day in 1222.
- A popular custom for people on St. George's Day is to wear a red rose in their button hole, the national flower for the national day.



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- A red cross on a white background was St. George's emblem. This is now the English flag.
- St. George's flag was adopted by Richard The Lion Heart and brought to England in the 12<sup>th</sup> century. Soldiers wore it on their tunics to avoid confusion in battle.
- The real St. George is believed to have been a brave Roman Soldier who protested against the Romans' torture of Christians.



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- St. George is also the Patron Saint of Scouting.
- On the Sunday closest to April 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Scouts and the Guides go on parade to their nearest church.



The Story of St. George Slaying the Dragon

- A town was terrorised by a dragon.
- A young princess was offered to the dragon.
- When George heard about this he rode into the village.
- George slayed the dragon and rescued the princess.



