



Special People

St George

You may have heard of St George, the patron saint of England, but what do you know about him?

Give yourself 1 minute to write down anything you know about St George.

First you are going to find out some background information on St George.

You are then going to look at some pictures of the story to see how he is shown.

Finally, using what you have discovered, you are going to create your own picture of St George.



Special People

St George

The Dragon

The traditional story of St George tells of a dragon terrorising a city. First the dragon was satisfied with eating his way through the sheep of the city. Soon all the sheep had gone and the people were forced to offer a human sacrifice to the dragon. The king's own daughter, the princess, was to be this sacrifice. Just as the sacrifice was about to take place, St George rode in and slaughtered the dragon with a lance, saving the princess and the whole city. Everyone was so astonished and thankful for how they had been saved that the whole city became Christians.

The Roman Soldier

The tale of St George and the Dragon is thought to date from the 12th or 13th century but there is an earlier story of St George from the 4th century. This story tells that St George was a soldier in the Roman army under the emperor Diocletian, at a time when Christians were persecuted for their beliefs. St George refused to give up his Christian faith and was put to death.

England

From the 14th century St George's importance in England grew. Edward III founded the Order of the Garter with St George as its patron, and St George's Chapel in Windsor became the church of the order. St George was now seen as a protector of the English and his feast day on 23rd April was celebrated. St George's flag, the red cross on a white background later became part of the Union Jack.



Special People

St George

Long ago, pictures in churches told stories to people who could not read. Characters were clearly identified by what they wore, carried or were doing.

Look closely at these three pictures.

For each picture write down three things you've spotted that tell you the picture is of St George.

Which is your favourite picture? Write down your reasons.



There are larger pictures on the next three pages.



Holy Trinity, York



St Lawrence's, Broughton



St Mary's, Sandwich



Special People St George

Pictures of St George typically show him wearing **armour**, often on **horseback**, carrying a shield with a **red cross on a white background**, and defeating a **dragon**.

Now design your own picture.

Remember to include St George's armour and shield.

How terrifying will you make your dragon?

You could draw, use arts and crafts materials, or any junk modelling materials you can find to build up your picture.

Maybe ... tin foil for St George's armour
 shiny bottle tops for the dragon's scales
 a cut up cereal box for a 3D shield

Photograph your completed artwork and send it to your teacher.

Tweet an image of your creation:

@TheCCT #AdventuresInChurches