ST GEORGE OF ENGLAND, AND...

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St George is patron saint of England – and also venerated in Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Ethiopia, Georgia, Malta, Palestine, Portugal and Ukraine, as well as the cities and regions of Beirut, Catalonia, Venice, Moscow and Istanbul. He is an important figure for Muslims where he is associated with spring and known as Al-Khodr ('green').

St George was a Greek-speaker, born in Cappadocia (now in Turkey), imprisoned at Al-Khader (in what is now the Palestinian West Bank) and his tomb is thought to be in Lydda/Lod (in what is now Israel).

How can we celebrate Englishness in a way that includes everyone who calls this country home, whatever the colour of their skin, and whatever journey has brought them here?

FAITH, COURAGE AND COMPASSION



St George was a martyr, executed for his Christian faith in the early 4th Century, during the persecution of Christians under the Roman Emperor Diocletian.

In the legend of St George killing the dragon, the king of the city is said to have offered George a great reward, but George insisted the king give the money to the poor instead.

Where do you see FAITH, COURAGE and COMPASSION… in your local community? in our wider society in England?

ENGLISHNESS



What does Englishness mean to you?

- **If you could tell your 'story of England' in 5 OBJECTS, what would you choose?**
- **What POSITIVE VALUES sum up Englishness for you?**
- **Are there any LESS GOOD or NEGATIVE aspects to English identity?**

  (Some of these might be inaccurate stereotypes. Some might contain a grain of truth, or even be uncomfortable truths.)

(If you want to contribute to a national conversation that's asking these questions, visit https://www.averyenglishchat.org.uk/)