

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Peace of the Lord be with you



And also with you

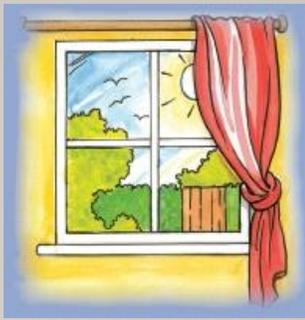
Welcome words



We have gathered in the name of
God the Father, Son and Holy
Spirit to worship together and
think about our value of
Truthfulness and Honesty



TRUTHFULNESS



Jesus said

“And you will know the truth and the truth shall set you free” (*JOHN 8:32*)

Do not mix the truth with falsehood or conceal the truth when you know it (*QURAN 2:42*)



TRUTH IS....

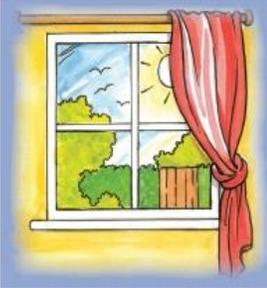
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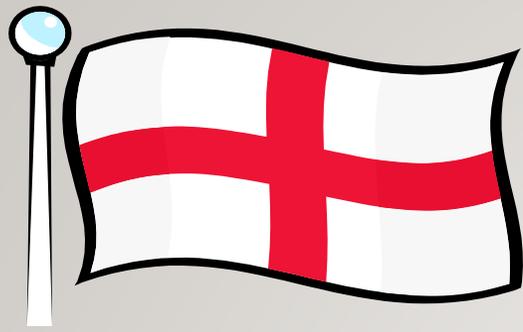
Respect for doing the right thing

Uncovering the full picture

Telling it as it is

Having all the facts





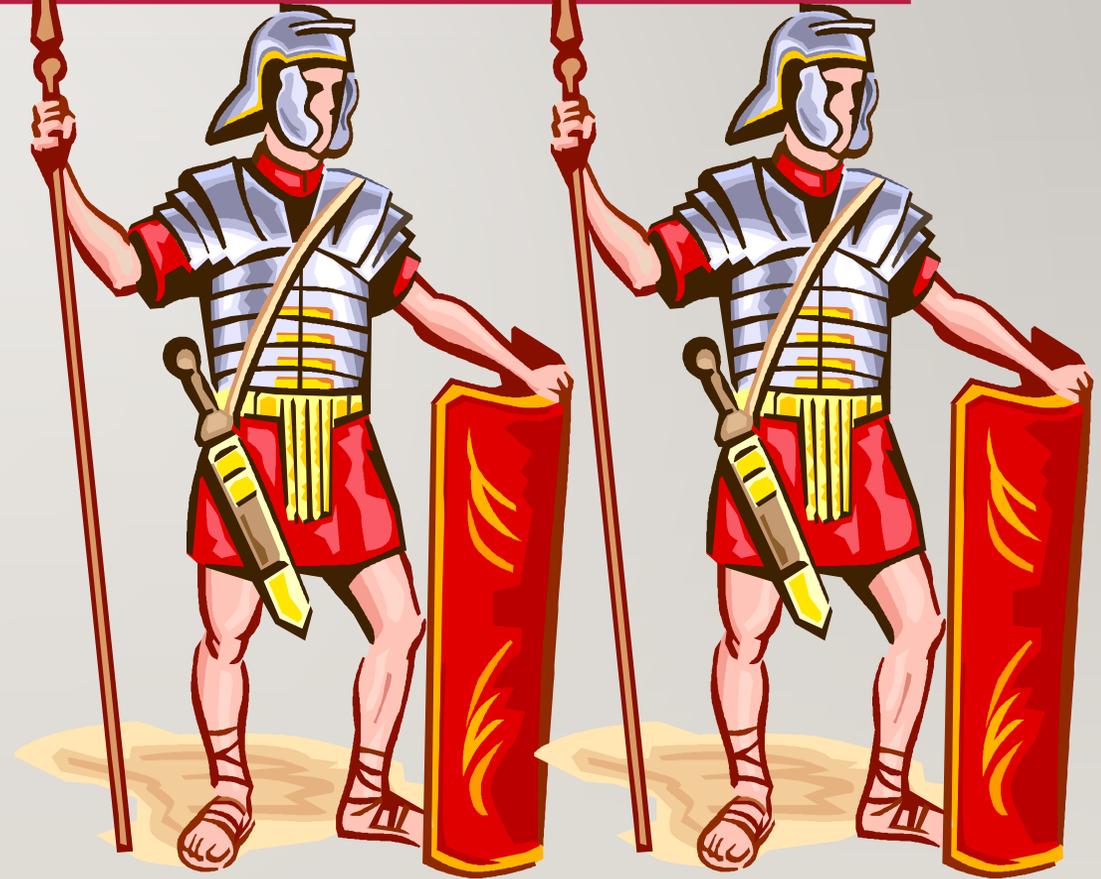
St George's Day

St George's day is a special day for people in many different countries: in Brazil, Italy, China, Portugal, Greece, India, Canada, Lebanon, Ethiopia and Malta, Saint George is remembered.

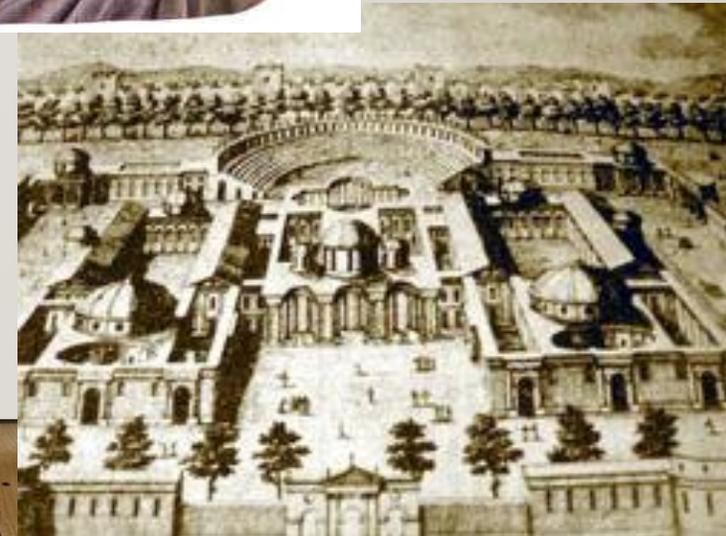
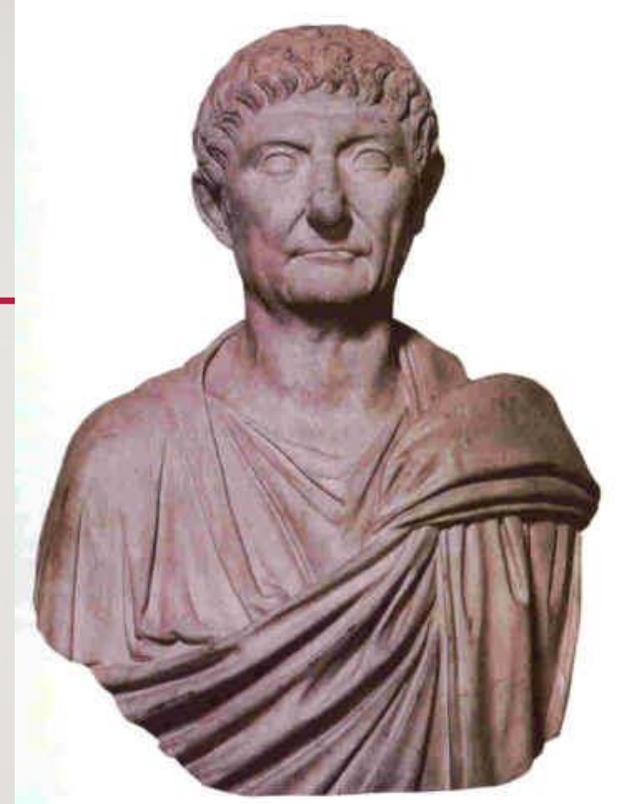
St George is special to England like St Patrick is special to Ireland; St David is special to Wales and St Andrew is special to Scotland.

Who was St George? Why was he special?

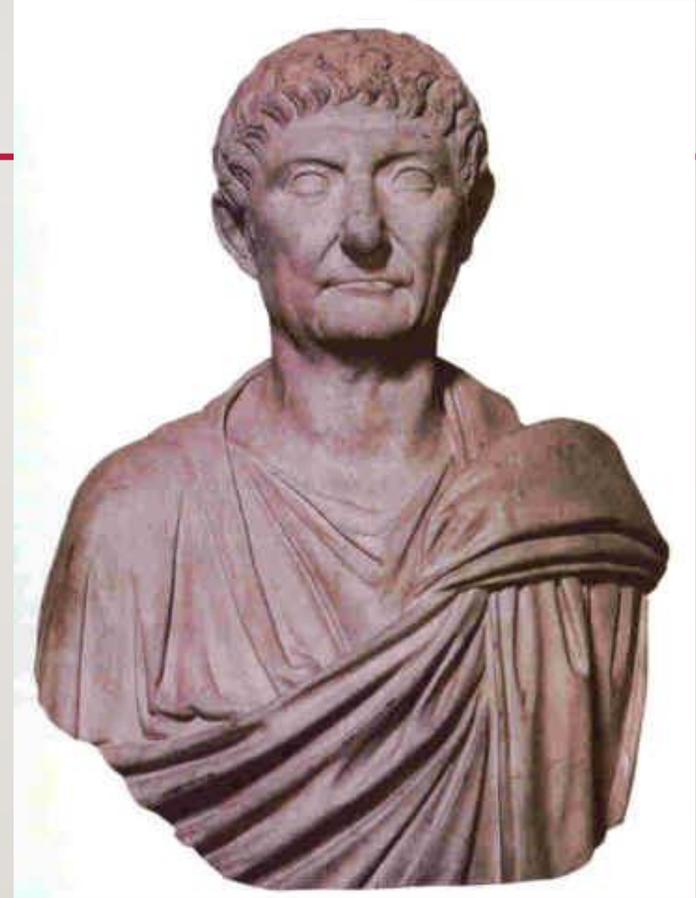
George was born in a country, which is now called Turkey, nearly two thousand years ago. His parents were Christians and his father was a soldier. When George was old enough he joined the Roman army.



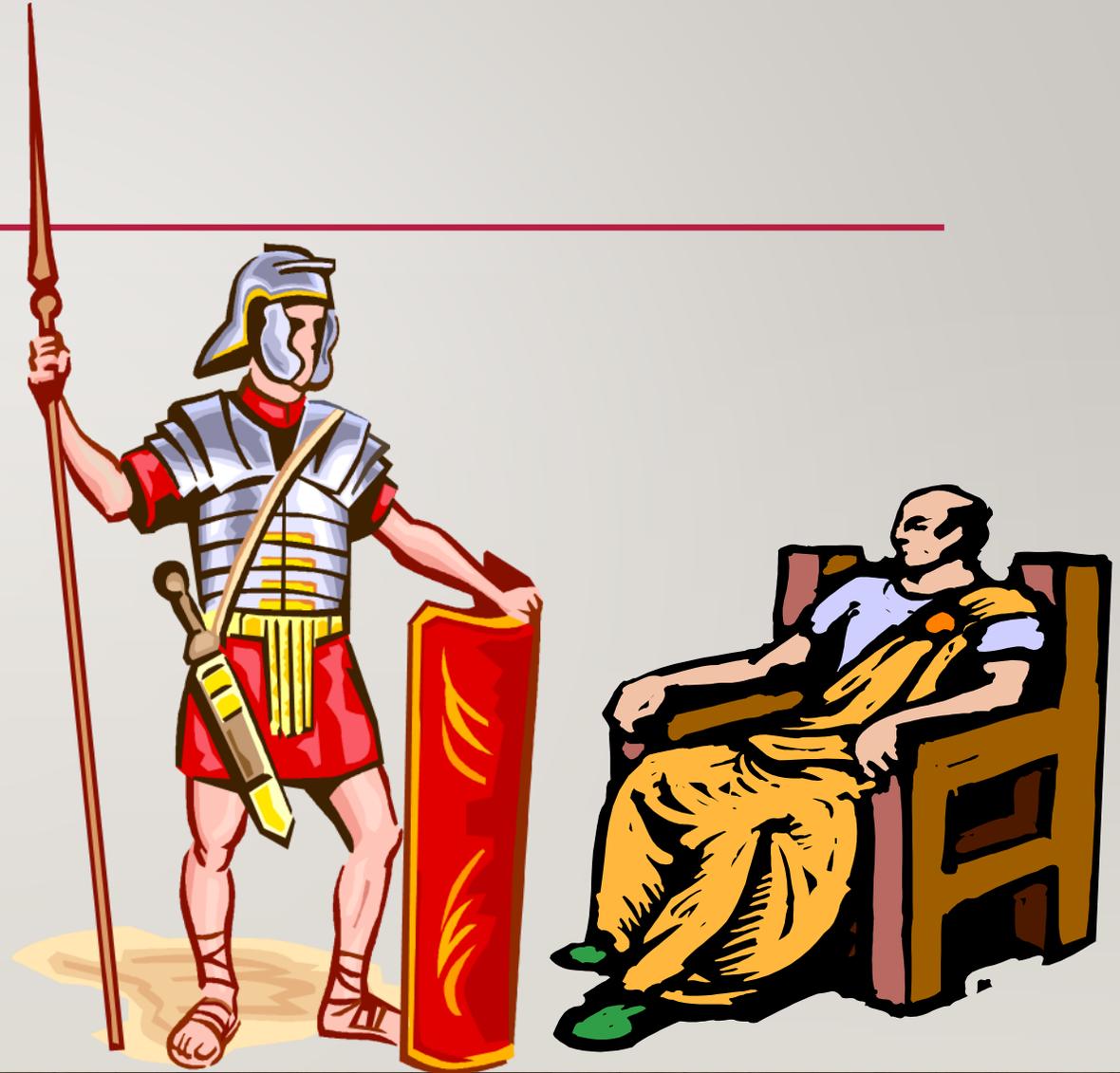
George was a very good soldier and he was put in charge of many other soldiers. He was sent to a place called Nicomedia as a special guard to the Emperor Diocletian.



Diocletian was not a kind Emperor. He did not like Christians (people who prayed to Jesus) and made an order that they were all to be killed.



George was ordered to kill Christians but he would not do it. He told the Emperor that he was wrong to order him to do that and that he was a Christian too.



The Emperor was very angry and ordered George to be killed.

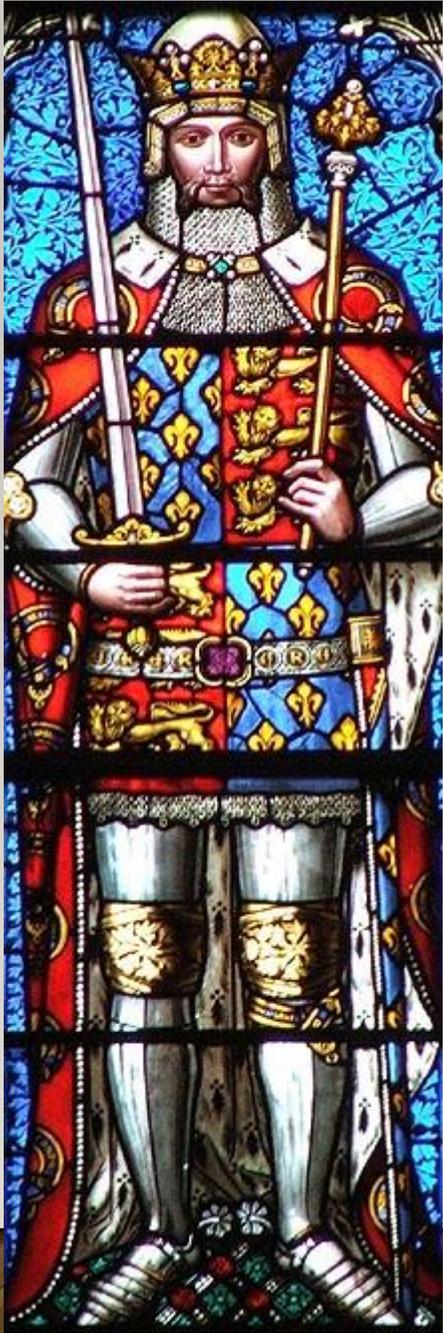
He died on 23rd April.

Many people heard how brave George was, they became Christians too. For hundreds of years people in different countries all over the world heard about George.

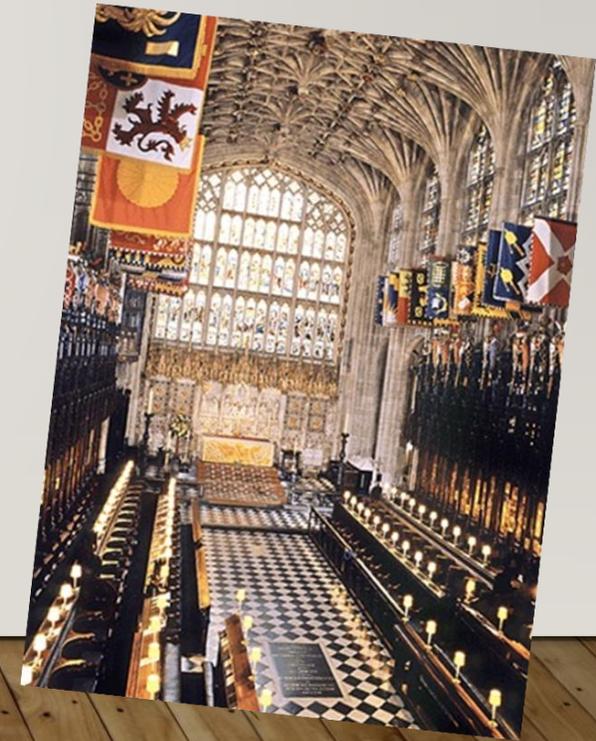


After he died, George was called Saint George, which is a name given to some Christians to show they are special. All over the world churches were built and named after him. When English soldiers went to fight in different countries they heard about Saint George. They wore red crosses on their clothes and shields and called it the cross of Saint George.





Over a thousand years ago The King of England, Edward the third, ordered that Saint George should be the special Saint for England. He had a church built near his castle. The Royal family still use it today.



Stories began to be told about Saint George. These stories were not always true but some people believed them.

Artists painted pictures to tell the story of how George killed a dragon.





REFLECTION

How do you think George was feeling when the King asked him to kill all the Christian people?

Do you think George did the right thing standing up for his beliefs, knowing it could lead to his death?

Why was St George chosen as the patron saint of England?



What dragons did he need to slay?



WHAT DO WE NEED WHEN WE ARE AFRAID OF A DRAGON?



Shield or Sword? Which one first?



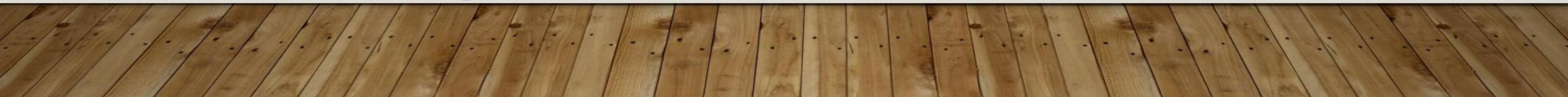


SHIELD OR SWORD

The Shield helps us to think of good things
- people who love and care for us, like our
families.



With our Sword we can face our own
dragons - work hard, try to stand up for
what is right and truthful.



REFLECTION AND PRAYER



Dear God,
Please help us to have the
courage of St George to
stand up for the truth
and to overcome the
things we know are wrong
in our world.

Amen



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St George did the right thing and stood up
for the truth because he believed and
trusted God.

Can we be as brave as St George in our
words and actions and have respect for
doing the right thing?



BLOWING OUT THE CANDLES

Peace of the Lord be with you



And also with you

The Grace

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
And the love of God
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
Be with us all, evermore.
Amen