

# St. George's Day,



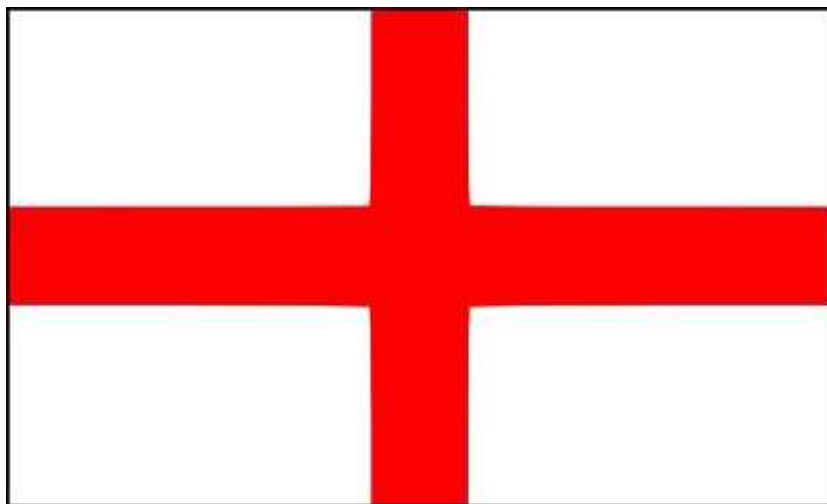
## The National Day of England

### When is St. George's Day?

St George's Day is on 23 April.

St George's Day is celebrated in **England** on 23 April, in honour of St George, the patron saint of England.

### What does the flag of St George look like?



This is the flag of St George is also the flag of England

### Who was St George?

A story dating back to the 6th century tells that St George rescued a maiden by slaying a fearsome fire-breathing dragon. The Saint's name was shouted as a battle cry by English knights who fought beneath the red-cross banner of St George during the Hundred Years War (1338-1453).

## What is the national emblem of England?

The national emblem and national flower of England is a red rose.



The flower has been adopted as England's emblem since the time of the **Wars of the Roses** - civil wars (1455-1485) between the royal house of Lancaster (whose emblem was a red rose) and the royal house of York (whose emblem was a white rose).

## What is England's National Dress?

England does not have a national dress.

## How does England celebrate St George's Day?

By tradition, 23 April is the day for a red rose in the button hole, the national flower. However, unlike other countries, England does not celebrate it like Americans celebrate 4 July with fireworks.

For most people in England St George's Day is just another ordinary working day.

### Interesting Facts

- Despite the fact that St. George has been the patron saint of England since the 14th century, only one in five people know that St. George's Day falls on 23 April.
- More than a quarter of people living in England do not even know who their patron saint is!
- Shakespeare was born on 23 April 1564 and he died on the same day in 1616.