

Southwark has many reasons to celebrate St George, both as patron saint of England and as patron of many of the diverse communities now belonging to the borough.

The multicultural St George in Southwark Festival takes place each year around the time of St George's Day (23 April).

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St George IN SOUTHWARK FESTIVAL

A new annual
celebration of
St George's Day
in Southwark

Also during the festival

From Monday 14 April

St George in Southwark display

Monday 14 to Saturday 19 April
in John Harvard Library &
Southwark Local History Library
From Saturday 19 April in
St George the Martyr Church

Discover Southwark's many St
George connections.

Ongoing

**St George and the dead
soldier**

St George's Cathedral
Lambeth Road

New oil painting by Scott
Norwood Witts.

19 – 27 April 2008

Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 April 11am
The Great Southwark Dragon Quest

Red Cross Garden, Redcross Way **free**

A search for dragons around The Borough in the area once known as St George's Fields. Come and help solve the clues to find the many dragons, and saints, who live hidden around Borough High Street and London Bridge. Refreshments, ribbons and clues provided. Fancy-dress optional. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Gather from 11am for 11.30am departure. Booking is advised on mysteries@boltblue.com. Led by local writer John Constable whose books include 'The Southwark Mysteries' and 'Secret Bankside - Walks In The Outlaw Borough'.
Supported by Neighbourhood Renewal Community Chest Fund & Capital Community Foundation

Saturday 19 April 11am
Guided Tour of St George the Martyr

St George the Martyr, Borough High Street **free**

Learn about Little Dorrit's church. Led by Stephen Humphrey from Southwark Local History Library.

Saturday 19 April 1pm-2pm
Marking Shakespeare's Birthday

Southwark Cathedral, London Bridge **free**

Comedian Arthur Smith and singer Rick Jones celebrate Shakespeare's Birthday by commemorating his predecessor John Gower, the so-called first English poet, who was buried in Southwark Cathedral exactly 600 years ago.

Saturday 19 April 3.30pm
Southwark, Shakespeare & St George

St George the Martyr crypt **free**

Free lecture by local resident Robert Pennant-Jones augmented with rehearsed reading of Act III of Henry IV part II with RSC actors Michael Burrell and Richard Earthy. Followed by displays and stalls relating to St George.
Supported by Borough & Bankside Community Council Fund

Sunday 20 April 1pm
Traditional Sunday Lunch

Blackfriars Settlement, Rushworth Street £3.50

Phone Tina Johnston on 020 7928 9521 to reserve a place.

Sunday 20 April 11am
Festival Eucharist

St George the Martyr, Borough High Street

Preacher: Fr Ray Andrews, parish priest.

Thursday 24 April 1pm
St George Lunch & Quiz

Blackfriars Settlement, Rushworth Street £3

Phone Tina Johnston on 020 7928 9521 to reserve a place.

Sunday 27 April
Community St George's Lunch & International Tea Dance

Blackfriars Settlement, Rushworth Street £5

Phone Tina Johnston on 020 7928 9521 to reserve a place.

Wednesday 23 April 11am & 3pm
Guided Tour of St George's Cathedral

St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road **free**

Learn about Southwark's Roman Catholic Cathedral on the feast day of its patron saint.

Wednesday 23 April 11am & 2pm
Storytelling

John Harvard Library, Borough High Street **free**

Storytelling for St George's Day with Bob Askew and the Askew Sisters (fiddle and melodeon).

Wednesday 23 April 12.30pm
St George's Day Mass

St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road

Mass attended by the Chapter and Cathedral Friends. The relic of St George will be on display.

Wednesday 23 April
The Ballad of St George & the Dragon

4.15pm Red Cross Garden, Redcross Way **free**

5.15pm Borough Market (outside Roast)

7pm Charles Dickens Primary School, Lant Street

Open-air theatre with the Lions part. Featuring our hero St George and a magnificent dragon created by the company, the Ballad celebrates our national day in 12 exciting musical minutes. The 7pm show will lead into a special Borough & Bankside Community Council meeting.
Supported by Better Bankside

Wednesday 23 April
St George's Day Vigil

7pm Cross Bones memorial gates, Redcross Way

A short remembrance ceremony to honour 'the outcast dead' under the protection of St George.