

St George's Day Service 2025

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Welcome and St George – Led by Meg Stanley-Burch

Welcome to the St George's Day Parade and Service for 2025

The legend goes that George was a son of a nobleman in the Roman army and became a cavalry officer. George became a Christian and decided to leave the army and travel to the palace of the Emperor, Diocletian, to plead with him to stop his cruel persecution of Christians. As he rode on his horse through Silene (believed to be Cyrene in present-day Libya), he found that one of the cities was plagued by an evil dragon that lurked in a swamp. This terrifying creature could only be pacified by feeding it with human bodies, and every day one of the citizens was chosen to be sacrificed, by drawing lots.

The King's own daughter, Cleolinda, was going to be the victim on the day that George arrived. He hurried to help her, even though his only weapon was a spear. With awesome courage he charged on his horse, knowing that he had only one shot at killing the fire-breathing dragon. He succeeded and saved the princess's life.

After talking to George, the grateful King, the princess, and many of the people decided to become Christians. George continued to the Emperor's palace, but Diocletian had him put to death on 23rd April AD303 for his Christian faith.

Why St George?

Baden Powell choose St George to be the movements Patron Saint because he felt the qualities of the legendary Roman soldier; were the same qualities that reflect a good Scout.

When he was faced by a difficulty or danger, however great it appeared, even in the shape of a dragon – he did not avoid it or fear it but went at it with all the power he could... That is exactly the way a Scout should face a difficulty or danger no matter how great or how terrifying it may appear. They should go at it boldly and confidently, using every power that they can to try and overcome it, and the probability is that they will succeed.

This can be broken down into the following points

- Responsibility
- Truthfulness
- Devotion to duty
- A brave heart
- A noble spirit
- Dedication to helping others

General Welcome – Led by Reverend Emily Spencer:

"Thank you, Lord, for keeping us safe through the past night; be with us also through today. Help us to be kind to one another; to be patient with one another's mistakes; to work hard and to enjoy our fun. Help us to have a happy day together, remembering that we are all your children. Amen."

Gratitude for Scouting - Led by Reverend Emily Spencer:

"Dear Lord, we thank you that we are able to be here together as Scouts and thank you for the fun and friendship we've enjoyed so far. We are grateful for the Scouting program and the opportunities we have to make new friends."

Hymn – He's Got the Whole World in his Hands

He's got the whole world in his hands

He's got the whole world in his hands

He's got the whole world in his hands

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He's got Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts in his hands

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He's got the whole world in his hands

He's got the family of scouting in his hands

He's got the family of scouting in his hands

He's got the family of scouting in his hands

He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the vast outdoors in his hands

He's got the vast outdoors in his hands

He's got the vast outdoors in his hands

He's got the whole world in his hands

He's got everybody here in his hands

He's got everybody here in his hands

He's got everybody here in his hands

He's got the whole world in his hands.

Reading by a Scout – Led by Ben Whiteman (1st Malvern Scouts)

A Scout is Reverent:

A person's beliefs are a tree of life that he holds fast to himself. Because a Scout is reverent, he strives to be true to God, to study the law, and to live according to its commands. Seek the peace of the city and pray unto the Lord for it. For in peace thereof shall you have peace. Because a Scout is reverent, he is loyal to his country and its ideals of religious liberty to all. All Scouts are mindful of the well-being of one another. Because a Scout is reverent, he is loyal to his people and is ready to help his fellow man everywhere. Honor your father and mother that your days may be long upon the land. Because a Scout is reverent, he is a devoted and a loyal son to his parents Oh, how good it is and how pleasant for brothers to dwell together in unity. Because a Scout is reverent, he strives to be a good Scout and a good citizen at all times. Character is determined by the things we worship. If we respect ourselves and our fellow man, and see them as gifts of the goodness of God, we live on a high plain. A Scout is reverent

The Scout compass:

A Scout should direct their course through life by the scout compass:

The point north on the Scout compass is a Duty to God.

The point east on the Scout compass is a Duty to Country.

The point south on the Scout compass is a Duty to Others.

The point west on the Scout compass is a Duty to Self.

Prayers – Led by Reverend Emily Spencer

To be decided by Emily.

Promises:

Meg:

Let us rededicate ourselves to the words of our Laws and Promises

Beavers – Led by Meg Stanley-Burch:

All Beaver Scouts please stand and make the Scout sign

I promise to do my best,
To be kind and helpful
And to love God.

Cubs – Led by Paul Stanley:

All Cub Scouts please stand and make the Scout sign

I promise to do my best,
To do my duty to God and to the King,
To help other people
And to keep the Cub Scout Law.

Scouts/ Explorers/ Leaders/ and any other Members – Led by Daniel Stanley-Burch:

Scout Law – Led by Edward Goodger (Explorer Scout and 1st Malvern Young Leader):

All Scouts, Explorer Scouts, Leaders, and any other Members of Scouting who wish to rededicate themselves please stand (Squirrels, Beavers, and Cubs remain seated).

Edward	A Scout is to be trusted
All	Lord, help us to be worthy of trust
Edward	A Scout is Loyal
All	Lord, help us to appreciate the benefits of loyalty.
Edward	A Scout is friendly and considerate
All	Lord, help us think of others.
Edward	A Scout belongs to the worldwide family of Scouting
All	Lord, help us to be tolerant of traditions and cultures other than our own.

Edward	A Scout has courage in all difficulties
All	Lord, help us in our daily tasks
Edward	A Scout makes good use of time, and is careful of possessions and property
All	Lord, help us to care for our environment, and to play a constructive part in society
Edward	A Scout has self-respect and respect for others
All	Lord, help us to follow the example set by you

Scout Promise – Led by Daniel Stanley-Burch

All Scouts, Explorer Scouts, Leaders, and any other Members of Scouting who wish to rededicate themselves please remain standing and make the Scout sign (Squirrels, Beavers, and Cubs remain seated).

On my honour,

I promise that I will do my best,

Do my duty to God and to the King,

To help other people,

And to keep the Scout Law.

The National Anthem – Led by Reverend Emily Spencer:

God save our gracious King
Long live our noble King
God save the King
Send him victorious Happy and glorious
Long to reign over us God save the King

Thy choicest gifts in store
On him be pleased to pour
Long may he reign
May he defend our laws
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice
God save the King.

Thank You and Dismissal – Led by Ben Johnstone and Paul Boniface (DLVs)