



Course details

Course title

History: St. George - The Man and the Legend

Course code

Q00018060

Course date

Start: 16/12/24

End: 16/12/24

Number of classes

1 sessions

Timetable

Mon 16th Dec, 10:30 to 12:30

Branch

Berkhamsted

Tutor

Guest Speaker

Fee range

Free to £8.40

How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes at the venue indicated. Some materials may be provided in our virtual learning environment.

Got it!

In venue

Venue

Friends Meeting House (Berkhamsted)
289 High Street
Berkhamsted
HP4 1AJ

Level of study

Beginners

Course overview

Who was St George? Was he real, or just a character in a legend about a dragon and a princess? Was the dragon real - or perhaps symbolic of something else? If George existed, was he even English? When and where did he live? Given that he was made a saint, what is the connection between the man, the legend and the Christian Church? Is the legend just another way to look at the resolution of conflict – the light versus the dark, the triumph of good over evil? In this two-hour session, we will examine some of the evidence about the existence of the man and any basis to the legend with Medievalist Terry Bloxham.

Course description

The story of St George and the Dragon has been depicted throughout the centuries in iconography, in paintings and sculpture, and in literature. He is the patron saint of England, he is celebrated by the Christian Church, and we assign an annual national day to him.

But who was he? Was he English? Why did we adopt him as our patron saint? When did he live (if he lived)? Was he connected to the Crusades? Why was he beatified, and when? What about the dragon – was it real or a symbol for something else? What about the princess? What is the evidence, if any, for the existence of the man, and what is the truth of the legend?

Medieval historian Terry Bloxham will guide us through the man and the myth, separating ‘fact’ from fiction, and exploring:

- the historical evidence for St George.
- the surviving physical evidence for St George.
- the historic environment in which St George lived.
- the development of the legendary St George.

What financial support is available?

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