

To Group Scout Leaders and Girlguiding Unit Main Contacts

St George's Day Sunday 21 April 2024 – event information.

Please take time to read this event information, which explains about the arrangements for this year's St George's Day (SGD) event. The organising committee has reflected on your feedback, reviewed the successes and "even better ifs" of SGD 23, and worked hard to deliver an offer that is the best it can be.

Venues

In addition to the Minster, we are delighted that Central Methodist Church, St Saviourgate, York has agreed to host the age-appropriate service for our youngest members (Squirrels, Beavers and Rainbows). This venue can accommodate 450 and has the advantage of a more circular seating arrangement and an audio / visual system meaning everyone should be able to see and hear what is happening.

Wristbands

We still must manage the buildings' capacity requirements, to meet safeguarding and safety recommendations, and so admission will once again be by coloured wristbands. Unlike last year, the allocation of these wristbands to Groups / Units will be managed separately by each of the commissioners. Your District / County Commissioner will advise you how this will be arranged.

Parade

Cubs and Brownies upwards will process from Clifford's Tower (the Eye of York) to and from the Minster as usual. A separate briefing document will be sent to you with detailed timings in due course.

Squirrels, Beavers and Rainbows should arrive, with their leaders, at the Methodist Church from 1.30pm ready for the service to start at 2pm. They will join the procession on the return to Clifford's Tower at St Sampson's Square.

Attached is a summary of information for both venues to help in your planning.

Yours in Scouting

John Ives

Manager York Active Support.



York Minster



York Central Methodist Church

<p>Participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cubs, Scouts, Explorer, Network & Leaders • Brownies, Guides, Rangers & Leaders 	<p>Participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Squirrels, Beavers & Leaders • Rainbows & Leaders
<p>Flags and Rehearsal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday 20 April 7pm meeting in the Chapter House yard at the rear of the Minster • Flag bearers must attend the rehearsal if they wish to parade their flag through the Minster 	<p>Flags and Rehearsal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flags are welcome but there will not be a rehearsal. • Leaders should select a bearer who is happy to sit apart from their unit in the church. • On arrival at the church, a steward will gather the flag bearers together and, at the start of the service, they will follow the St George's flag around the church and to a dedicated seating area.
<p>Starting point on the day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please meet up with your Group / Unit and arrive together at the Clifford's Tower (Eye of York). 	<p>Starting point on the day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please meet up with your Group / Unit and arrive together at the main entrance to the Methodist Church on St Saviourgate.
<p>Toilet facilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are limited facilities in the Minster for emergency use only. • Please encourage your members to go to the toilet before the event 	<p>Toilet facilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are limited facilities in the church for emergency use only. • Please encourage your members to go to the toilet before arriving at church.
<p>Collection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leaders to collect contributions together in a money bag. • On entrance to the Minster, Leaders to place on collection plate at the door. 	<p>Collection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leaders to collect contributions together in a money bag. • On entrance to the church, Leaders to place on collection plate at the door.
<p>After the service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form up in Dean's Park in the same order as at the start of the event for the procession back to Clifford's Tower (the Eye of York). 	<p>After the service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leaders are responsible for walking their young members along Colliergate to St Sampson's Square where marshals will be waiting to indicate where each District / County should wait to join in the main procession back to Clifford's Tower (the Eye of York).
<p>Additional briefing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional information regarding the procession will be available in due course 	<p>Additional briefing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional information about the building and the route to join the parade available in due course.