

## St George's Day 2025 – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 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 Scouts and Girlguiding Commissioners have reflected on your feedback, reviewed the successes and "even better ifs" from recent years, and worked hard to deliver an offer that is the best it can be, whilst working within the safety requirements of such a large-scale event.

### Venues

Following a successful use of the Central Methodist Church last year for our young members, they have kindly agreed for us to return this year. Therefore, Squirrels, Beavers and Rainbows will attend a service at Central Methodist Church, whilst all other Scouts and Girlguiding sections will attend a service in the Minster.

### 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 before Easter.

Squirrels, Beavers, and Rainbows should arrive, with their leaders, at the Methodist Church from 1.15pm ready for the service to start at 1.45pm. They will take part in the procession on the return to Clifford's Tower, **joining their peers in Dean's Park for the full parade back.**

### 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. Like 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.

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

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Girlguiding NYS County & Assistant County Commissioner

**On behalf of St George's Day Committee**

	<b>York Minster</b>	<b>York Central Methodist Church</b>
<b>Participants</b>	Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Network & Volunteers  Brownies, Guides, Rangers & Volunteers	Squirrels, Beavers & Volunteers  Rainbows & Volunteers
<b>Flags and rehearsal</b>	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 7pm, meeting in the Chapter House yard at the rear of the Minster  Flag bearers <b>must</b> attend the rehearsal if they wish to parade their flag through the Minster, accompanied by either their unit volunteer, or a parent  Volunteers should select a bearer who is happy to sit apart from their unit in the Minster.	Flags are welcome but there will be no rehearsal.  Volunteers 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.
<b>Starting point on the day</b>	Please meet up with your Group / Unit and arrive together at the Clifford's Tower (Eye of York).	Please meet up with your Group / Unit and arrive together at the main entrance to the Methodist Church on St Saviourgate.
<b>Toilet facilities</b>	There are limited facilities in the Minster for emergency use only.  Please encourage your members to go to the toilet before the event.	There are limited facilities in the church for emergency use only.  Please encourage your members to go to the toilet before the event.
<b>Collection</b>	Volunteers to collect contributions together in a money bag.  On entrance to the Minster, volunteers to place on collection plate at the door.	Volunteers to collect contributions together in a money bag.  On entrance to the church, volunteers to place on collection plate at the door.
<b>After the service</b>	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).	Volunteers are responsible for walking their young members past York Chocolate Story, down Goodramgate and enter Dean's Park via the Minster Year (rear of the Minster). Form up with your Group / Division to begin the procession back to Clifford's Tower (the Eye of York).
<b>Additional briefing</b>	Additional information regarding the procession will be available in due course.	Additional information about the return procession will be available in due course.