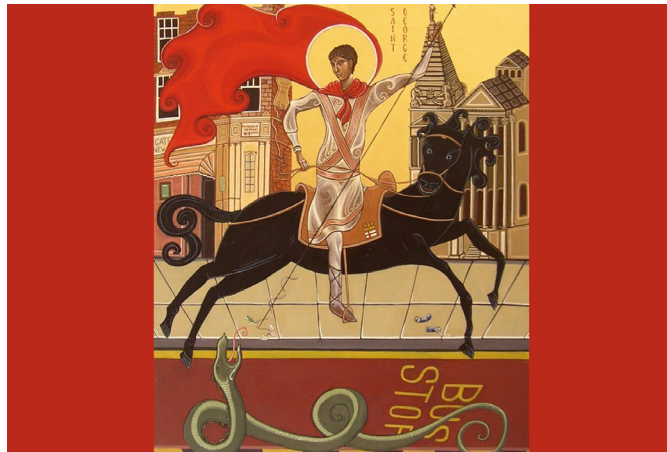


# Saint George

## Think



- Who is this? What is he doing?
- What is unusual about this icon?
- What is he giving to the dragon?
- What can you see in the background?



## Discuss



Usually, Saint George is portrayed killing the dragon, rather than giving it flowers. He is shown on a modern street, with litter on the pavement. What is the artist's message? Why is it important to look after animals and our environment? How should we do this?

## Respond



Rewrite the story of Saint George and the dragon as if it were set today. Would it be a dragon he has to defeat or something else?

## Reimagine



Draw an icon of another saint of your choosing in a modern setting. Who would you choose? Where would they be?

## Solve



The Golden Legend, a medieval story of Saint George and the dragon, describes how villagers would have to feed the dragon two sheep every day. How many sheep would the dragon eat every year? Every decade (not including leap years)?

**Challenge:** If the dragon had been born on a leap year and lived for 156 years, how many sheep would it have eaten in its lifetime?

## Discover



**Fact:** Despite being patron saint of England, legends describe Saint George as a Roman soldier in the Middle East. He is often depicted slaying a dragon.

**Question:** Who was patron saint of England before Saint George? Of which other countries is Saint George the patron saint?

# Saint George Answers

How many sheep would the dragon eat every year?	How many sheep would it have eaten in its lifetime?
$365 \times 2 = 730$	$730 \times 156 = 113\,880$ sheep not including leap years
How many sheep would the dragon eat every decade?	$156 \div 4 = 39$ leap years
$730 \times 10 = 7300$	$39 \times 2 = 78$ extra sheep on leap years
	$113\,880 + 78 = 113\,958$ in the dragon's lifetime