



ST. GEORGE'S DAY FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 20 APRIL
12noon – 5pm

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Saturday 20 April 2024

Join us to bring Old Town alive for St George's Day! As the clock strikes 12, Leicester Cathedral's bells will ring to open the celebrations. The chimes mark a day of history and heritage; cross paths with a dragon, hear legends of medieval kings, barter with a merchant from the Middle Ages or find yourself in a folk dance!

St George's Day Traditions



Leicester Morris

**12.30pm: KRILL Visitors Centre,
1.30pm Leicester Cathedral &
3pm Leicester Guildhall**

Recently celebrating their 70th anniversary, see traditional morris dancing since having officially opened their membership to all.

Maypole Dancing

1.30pm & 4pm

Leicester Guildhall

Pick up a ribbon and dance around the maypole. Live musician and guide will lead the way!



Story-telling & theatrical fun



Children's Magic Shows with Allin Kempthorne

12noon – 5pm

St Martin's House Carpark

Meet our fantastic host Allin and adorable baby dragon, Shows at **1.30pm, 3pm & 4pm.**

Cinema in the Cells

12noon – 5pm

Leicester Guildhall: The Cells

Short films featuring dragons, knights & princesses will be screened throughout the day in the Victorian police cells.

The BookBus

12noon – 5pm

St Martin's House Carpark

There's a tale or two to be told for young children at the bus plus storytelling for older children and adults in the Cathedral at **3pm & 4pm.**

Inferno! The Dragon

12.15pm, 1.15pm, 2.15pm & 4.15pm

A billow of smoke and a fearsome roar. Beware of the legendary dragon stalking the grounds!

St George and the Dragon a-Wokes!

Outdoor Theatre

1pm & 3.30pm

St Martin's House carpark

Bill Brookman appears with this traditional tale - but with a twist in the Dragon's, er... tail. Bubble blowing fairies, larger than life knights and traditional musical performances throughout the day. Join them at **4.40pm** for the Finale Farandole to send off the day with a folk dance!

Living History



King Richard III Visitor Centre

Saturday 10am – 5pm, Sunday 10am – 4pm

Delve into the legendary story of England's most controversial medieval monarch, King Richard III. Ticket holders can join in medieval arts & crafts plus feast in the Wild Boar Café. **W:kriiii.com**

Lord Thomas Grey Regiment

12noon – 5pm

Leicester Guildhall

Meet the namesake regiment for Leicester's own Member of Parliament, Thomas Lord Grey. Learn about replica weaponry & keep an eye out for 14 foot pikes!

Vikings of Middle England

12noon – 5pm

Guildhall Lane

Experience early medieval life by meeting crafts people from the Middle Ages and come face to face with a Viking.

Visit Leicester

Visit Leicester is your one stop shop for tourist info - swing by and meet a real Roman cavalryman.

Tours & Trails



St George and the Bard

11.30am, 1pm, 2.30pm

45 minute tour

Leicester Guildhall

FREE, pre booking on Whats On - **W: leicestermuseums.org**

What do we really know about St George & how he became the Patron Saint of England? Why is the life of William Shakespeare also celebrated on April 23rd? Discover how he's associated with the Leicester Guildhall and more on 20th & 23rd April.

Richard III: Guided Tours

11.30am & 2.30pm

40 minute tour

Leicester Cathedral

Tickets: £3.50 available on the day from Leicester Cathedral. Accompanied children under 16 free.

Discover the fascinating story, beautifully crafted tomb, and the magnificent Redemption Windows, before moving on to the Visitor Centre to see the Pall created for the lying-in-repose of Richard III.

The Saints of Leicester Cathedral: St George's Day Trail

Leicester Cathedral

12noon – 5pm

Follow a trail around Leicester Cathedral. Discover the stories of St George and the other saints by finding their pictures in our windows and statues. Follow the clues and complete our trail to get a small prize at the end.

St George's Quest

12noon – 5pm

Find FOCUS charity to pick up your trail map to complete the St George's Day Quest and claim your prize. Get creative with some arts and crafts and wear your finest medieval costumes for a photo opportunity with FOCUS.

St George and Leicester Cathedral: Guided Tours

1pm & 3.30pm

40 minute tour

Leicester Cathedral

Tickets: £3.50 available on the day from the welcome point inside the Cathedral. Accompanied children under 16 admitted free.

Find out more about St George's connection to Leicester Cathedral through the depictions in the building and the history of past traditions and events that took place on St George's Day.

Heritage Trail

Visit Leicester Information Centre

Pick up brochures or purchase the full self-guided Leicester Heritage Trail, where you can stroll through 2000 years of history!



Modern Day Medieval Market

12noon – 5pm

When medieval markets meet the modern day! This reimagining of what we might expect to see from traders in years gone by, showcases 21st century goods from local independent businesses. Artisan foods and drink, arts and crafts, textiles and more.

Peruse the stalls in two of Leicester's most iconic historical buildings
Leicester Guildhall & Leicester Cathedral.



ALE TRAIL ST. GEORGE'S DAY FESTIVAL

Saturday 20 & Sunday 21 April

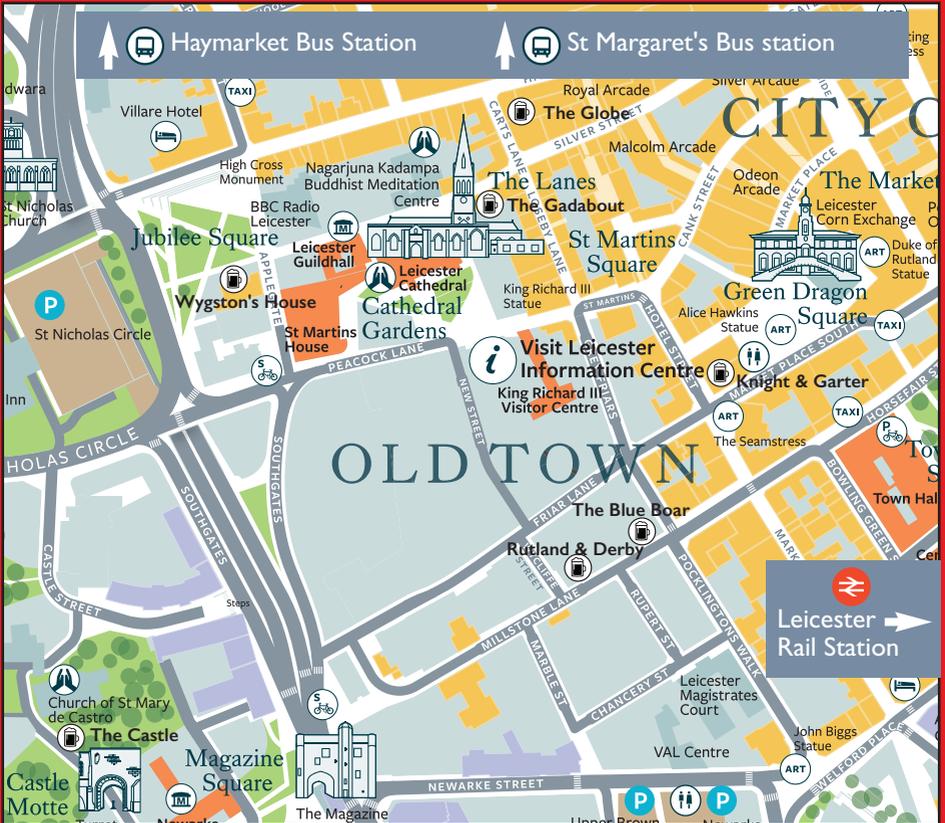
Follow the Ale Trail to visit some of Leicester's most historic pubs and bars, each marking St George's Day weekend with a special offer. Pick up a deal and delve into the past of each location.



Scan the QR code to see all participating venues on Visit Leicester plus a link to the Loyalty Free app trail:

VENUES	St Martin's House Carpark Outdoor fun hosted by Alin Kempthorne and his baby dragon!	Leicester Guildhall Cinema in the Cells, meet the Lord Thomas Grey Regiment and shop at modern day Medieval Market stalls.	Leicester Cathedral Visit for activities including trails on all day. Plus market stalls from local traders.	KRIII Visitor Centre Opening hours for ticket holders: 10am - 5pm. Can be purchased on the day.	Roaming Acts Keep your eyes peeled for dragons of all sizes plus fairies, knights and other medieval folk across the day.
11.30am-12pm	11.30am - 12.15pm St George & the Bard: Free Guided Tour	11.30am - 12.10pm Guided Tour: Richard III	11.30am - 12.10pm Guided Tour: St George and Leicester Cathedral	OPEN ALL DAY	12.15pm Inferno! The Dragon
12pm-1pm	12noon - 1pm The BookBus Story Time	12noon - 1pm Grand Opening bell ringing!	12noon - 1pm Maypole Dancing The Courtyard	12.30pm - 12.50pm Leicester Morris	1.15pm Inferno! The Dragon
1pm-2pm	12noon Welcome speech with the Lord Mayor of Leicester	1pm - 1.45pm St George & the Bard: Free Guided Tour	1.30pm - 1.50pm Leicester Morris	OPEN ALL DAY	2.15pm Inferno! The Dragon
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2pm-3pm	1.30pm - 2pm Children's Magic Show	2.30pm - 3.15pm St George & the Bard: Free Guided Tour	3.30pm - 4.10pm Guided Tour: St George and Leicester Cathedral	OPEN ALL DAY	
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4pm-5pm	3.30pm - 3.55pm Outdoor theatre			OPEN ALL DAY	
4pm-5pm	4pm - 4.30pm Children's Magic Show			OPEN ALL DAY	
4pm-5pm	4.40pm - 5pm Finale Farandole			OPEN ALL DAY	

All day: 12noon - 5pm: Leicester Guildhall (Cinema in the Cells, Lord Thomas Grey Regiment, Medieval Market),
Leicester Cathedral (Medieval Market, Trail), **Guidhall Lane** (Vikings of Middle England), **St Martins** (FOCUS Charity)



For advice on planning your journey visit choosehowyoumove.co.uk.

The free Bike Park Cycle Hub, Town Hall Square is open Saturday 8.30am – 6pm.

There are many city centre car parks in the area. The closest car parks are at John Lewis LE1 4QJ and the Holiday Inn LE1 5LX which both have accessible parking options.

For further information on Leicester's St. George's Festival:

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