



SALISBURY & SOUTH WILTS DISTRICT

## A Celebration of Scouting and our Patron Saint, St George



Dear Leaders,

Please find below details of this years' St George's Day Celebrations. This years' service will be a more 'traditional' parade and church service. Please encourage as many young people and leaders as possible to attend.

**Date:-** Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019

**Parade Venue:-** Queen Elizabeth Gardens, Cranebridge Road, Salisbury.

**Service Venue:** St Thomas's Church, Salisbury

**Outline of event and timings:** - Please note - Timings may run slightly over or under or be amended dependant on the weather and the length of the service.

2.00pm - Groups to start to gather in Queen Elizabeth Gardens

2.15pm - Groups to form up for a review and a health & safety briefing

2.25pm - Walk to St Thomas's Church

3.00pm - Church Service

4.15pm – 4.30pm Groups to leave the church & dismiss their young people back to their parents.

**Rehearsals –**

- Will be on **SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup>** April at St Thomas's Church.
- Who needs to attend? - **All Flag Bearers, Flag receivers, Prayer/thought readers, Bible Reader, Ushers and Service team**
- Flag Bearers, Flag receivers and Ushers at 5.50pm for 6pm start, finish by 7pm.
- Readers at 6.50pm, finish by 7.30pm
- Important – **ALL Flag Bearers & Readers MUST attend the rehearsal**

**Parade Route –** Queen Elizabeth Gardens to Cranebridge Road. Across the road to walk along the riverside to Bridge Street. Across the road into the Malting by the Bishops Mill, then right to St Thomas's Church.

**Please note: - there is no formal road closure or police assistance. All road crossings will be done by Group Leaders & SASU marshals using zebra crossings.**

- Groups will start to gather from 2pm in Queen Elizabeth Gardens in an open green space (SASU marshals will be on hand to direct to the correct area).
- Groups must all be assembled and formed up by 2.15pm.
- Groups will be asked for the number of leaders and number young people they have on parade
- At 2.25pm, Groups will walk with their own flags in a pre-determined order directly behind the District Colour Party Flags & Cub Challenge Flag, through Queen Elizabeth Gardens to Cranebridge Road.
- Groups to parade with their Scouts, Cubs and Beavers through Queen Elizabeth Gardens 2 or 3 abreast.
- Strictly no Parents to walk with the parade unless as an 'official' helper & they must be identifiable by wearing a Group top & or Group scarf/necker.
- The walk will continue past the Exit & Entrance to Lush House car park. Each group will be guided past the carpark by SASU marshals.

- The parade will cross Cranebridge road via the zebra crossing assisted by SASU marshals. One group at a time will cross the road so as to manage traffic flow and bottle necks of participants due to narrow path over the bridge.
- Leaders will need to be mindful of the narrow path over the bridge and the low wall and ensure clear instructions are given to the young people to help them along the road safely. Suggest walk in pairs or single file.
- The walk will continue along the riverside walk (this path also narrows in places) to Bridge Street, where Groups will cross the road via another zebra crossing assisted by SASU marshals.
- Continue straight on to the bridge by the Mill into the Maltings and round to the right to the church.
- No Pushchairs permitted in parade due to narrow paths
- Leaders to ensure any litter dropped in Queen Elizabeth Gardens by their young people is picked up and disposed of.

#### **Service:-**

- One young person from the following sections, Beaver, Cub, Scout, Explorers will be required to compile and read a thought, reflection or poem - details TBC. Please let Sandra or Rachel know which groups will be providing a young person for this, ASAP and by the April Section meeting at the latest.
- Collection - donations will be split between The Bridge Project & The Campsite Quest. Please encourage the young people to bring a donation. Suggested donation amount of £1. Leaders are to collect the donations from their young people before the service commences and place the money into the collection buckets/baskets as they leave the church at the end of the service.
- Parents wishing to join the service, will be able to do so after all the young people and leaders have been seated.
- There will be SASU ushers in the church to assist with seating and direction to toilets.
- Dismissal the DC will be in church before the National Anthem.
- Groups will hand their young people back to their parents outside the church. Please find a safe place away from the church to do this. Suggest along by the railings of the river in the Maltings.

#### **Other Important Information**

**\* Queen Elizabeth Gardens is open to the general public including dog walkers so please be mindful of this when assessing your safeguarding risks.**

**\* Some of the pathways are narrow & will also be used by the general public. Groups leaders will need monitor & manage this on route.**

**\* Full, smart uniform** to be worn including group necker/scarf.

**\* In the event of cold or wet weather, coats can be worn**

**\* Parking** is available at all the local council car parks. Nearest parking being Lush House car park (with limited parking spaces)

**\* Toilets** – Lush House Car park. St Thomas’s Church has one in the Church & 3 others being opened in the Church building across the path. There will be toilet wardens at the Church to help with this. All young people need to be accompanied.

**Adverse weather conditions** – the organisers will advise leaders of any changes to the event that may be required.

**Contacts on the day will be: -**

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Sandra McKenna – 07860 680682

Rachel Squire – 07949 975680

Any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to one of the organising team, Mick Chalke, Rachel Squire, Sandy Yeates, David Miles, Tom Scott and Sandra McKenna.