Saint Andrew and St Andrews Day

St Andrew is the patron Saint of Scotland and St Andrews Day is celebrated on the 30th November each year in Scotland and by Scottish people around the world. The name Andrew means "**manly and brave**" in Greek.

Who Was Saint Andrew?

Saint Andrew was a fisherman, like his father and his brother. He lived in **Galilee, Palestine** which is now known as the country Israel. He was born in Bethsaida on the Sea of Galilee. His date of birth was in the year 5 AD. He was a friend and a follower of Jesus. Jesus and his friends would talk to people about religion and teach people – this is called preaching.

Other Countries with St Andrew as the Patron Saint

After the death of Jesus Christ, Andrew continued to preach about his religion - **Christianity** in lots of different countries: Greece, Poland, Russia, and Turkey. This is why he also became a Patron Saint of Greece, Romania, Prussia and Russia. St Andrew is also the patron saint of fishermen, singers and unmarried women.

Andrew was made a Saint because he led a religious life. People still pray to the saints because they believe they are close to God. Saints who care for a country or group of people are called Patron Saints.



The Scottish flag above is traditionally known at the Saint Andrew flag. It is the oldest flag in the world. It dates back to the 12th Century. The other name of the St Andrew flag is **The Saltire.** It is the National flag of Scotland.

The origins of the St Andrews flag and cross comes from when Saint Andrew was killed by the Romans. He was crucified but not like Jesus, His cross was not T shaped it was an X-shaped cross. You can see the white cross on the flag. The dark blue background is a symbol of the sky. This form of cross soon became known as the St Andrew's Cross..

St Andrew died in the year 60 AD on November the 30th. This is why we celebrate this day.

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Question and Answer Quiz Sheet for St Andrews Day

1. Who is **St Andrew**?

2. What does the name **Andrew** mean?

3. What was St Andrew's **job**?

4. **Where** was St Andrew born?

5. Name **2** countries which St Andrew preached in following Jesus' death.

6. . St Andrew is the patron saint of:

- a. Fishermen, Farmers and Light-keepers
- b. Fishermen, Singers and Unmarried women
- c. Fishermen, Ministers and Married women
- d. Fishermen, Highland dancing and Jam making
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7. What is the **name** of the Scottish flag?

8. How did St Andrew **die**?

9. What does the **blue** background on St Andrew's flag mean?

10. In what year did St Andrew **die**?

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