

# **An All-Purpose Saint for the Church of England: The Post-Reformation Evolution of the Cult of St George in England**

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