

Jesus, James, Money and Max

News Headlines

The Arena (5-10s)

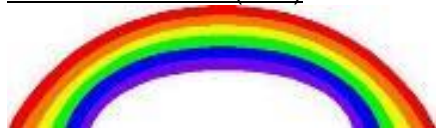
Just like last year, Roving Mike has entertained The Arena all week with his antics.



Roving Mike

Each day Roving Mike has been speaking on his radio mike from his hiding place until The Arena children can guess where he has hidden himself. And he has certainly got into some strange places!

The Rainbow Tent (3-4s)



Today the children learnt why God placed the rainbow in the sky. God said to Noah and his family, "Every time there is a rainbow, it will be a reminder of the promise I made to care for you and all the animals."

So the rainbow reminds us of all the reasons why we should be thankful to God. Colin the Cockerel told the children that every time he sees a rainbow, he thanks God for his fine red crest.

The BIG Top says: "Even when we can't see a rainbow, we should remember to thank God for all the good things he does for us."

The Marquee (under 3s)

Today The Marquee held its cake sale in aid of Tearfund's appeal for famine relief in Ethiopia and Eritrea. The children finished off their week with lots of fun activities including the sandpit and face painting.

Who will be there?

Come on Sunday to see whether Colin the Cockerel, Max Legroom, Bert, Lucy and Chris will be able to make it to The BIG Top Celebration.

In The Arena cabaret today Jesus met fabulously wealthy James. James was willing to give some of his money away – but Jesus said he would need to give it all away. That was because James was trusting in his money instead of in God. Not so easy! James went away to think about it.

Max was really fascinated by the problem James was having deciding between Jesus and money. Perhaps Max has the same choice to make!

The BIG Top says: "Not such an easy thing to be asked to do. But Jesus not only asks for everything – he also gives us everything!"

Save our Souls (SOS)

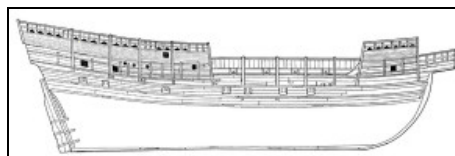
Bery, Lucy and Chris have decided that they want to go home after their seafaring adventures. But they have no map or compass, and they don't know where they are on the ocean.

Chris has persuaded Bert that it is ok to ask for help. So they have sent out a distress signal. If help comes quickly, they should get home in time for Sunday's BIG Top Celebration.

The BIG Top says: "There comes a time when we all need help – and we should not be afraid to ask for it."

Tales of The Arena Ships

Today's Arena team name is the Mary Rose. This ship was built between 1509 and 1511 for Henry VIII. It was one of the most powerful warships of its day. But when it set sail for the first time in 1545 after a major refit, it tipped over and sank. In 1982 what remained of it was lifted from the mud off Portsmouth. You can go to the Mary Rose exhibition in Portsmouth.



<http://www.maryrose.org>

Don't Forget

Come to our Sunday Celebration

There will be a BIG Top Celebration & Fun Day on Sunday on St Mary's & St Peter's school field starting at 10.30am. It will continue until mid-afternoon. Songs. Games. BBQ. etc.

The Rock Café (11-16s)

Every evening of the week, Monday to Friday, there has been The Rock Café for young people from 7.30pm-9.30pm. The final evening is tonight at Teddington Baptist Church and will be action packed with music, challenges, games, competitions, and activities. £1 per evening.

What's Online for Teddington?

Wot? is an internet information service for Teddington provided by Teddington Baptist Church. Wot?: <http://come.to/Teddington>

Behind The BIG Top

The BIG Top is run by three of Teddington's churches – Baptist, Methodist and Salvation Army. Ask at The BIG Top office for details of other activities run by these churches.

The BIG Top Website

Throughout the year, The BIG Top website has these newsletters and photographs from The BIG Top. It has pictures and newsletters from the past three years as well. <http://come.to/TheBigTop>

Tearfund's Ethiopian Appeal

Even if you missed the Marquee cake sale, you can still give money to the famine appeal to help people in Ethiopia and Eritrea. Tearfund is at 100 Church Road. <http://www.tearfund.org>

The Arena Memory Verse for Today

Jesus said "Forget about yourself and follow me".