

“I was blind but now I can see”

News Headlines

The Arena (5-10s)

Bert and Lucy spent most of today getting their little boat tidy and shipshape. Now they have hoisted the sails, untangled the ropes and untied all the knots, they think they are ready for anything.



Bert

Lucy

The BIG Top says: “There have been rumours of Bert and Lucy tying the knot for years – but untying it? Surely not!”

The Rainbow Tent (3-4s)



Today the children learnt how Noah had to get the animals into the Ark to save them from the great flood which was about to begin. The children and Colin the Cockerel all enjoyed themselves singing songs about Noah and the Ark. Colin's favourite is: “*The animals came in two by two ...the cockerel and his missus too.*”

The Marquee (under 3s)

The children continued today with all their fun activities including playing in the sandpit and on the bouncy castle. The adults had a cake decorating competition.

What a day for Bartimaeus. He woke up blind – just like on every other day of his life. Then he met Jesus – despite everyone blocking his way. And Jesus restored his sight. “I can see the trees and flowers and sky” he said, “and they are wonderful.”

In an exclusive interview with The BIG Top, Bartimaeus went on “I can even see the awful colours of Max's jacket. People used to tell me it was horrible, and I did not know whether to believe them. Now I can see for myself – it is even worse than I ever imagined!”

“But despite that,” he went on, “It is the best day of my life – because I met Jesus”.

The BIG Top says: “Well done Bartimaeus, perhaps Max will believe you and change his taste in jackets.”

Tales of The Arena Ships



SS Great Britain: launched in 1843

One of the Arena teams is named after the SS Great Britain. When the famous engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel built this ship in 1843, it was twice the size of any other ship. It could use both steam and sail. The great ship sailed across to America and to Australia for many years with people who were leaving Britain to live in those countries. In 1970 it was brought back to Bristol where it was restored. Today you can go on board the SS Great Britain in Bristol docks.
<http://www.ss-great-britain.com>

Don't Forget

The Marquee Cake Sale

On Friday The Marquee will have a cake sale in aid of Tearfund's appeal for famine relief in Ethiopia and Eritrea. Can you make and donate some cakes for this sale?

Come to our Sunday Celebration

There will be a Celebration & Fun Day on Sunday on St Mary's & St Peter's school field from 10.30am. Songs. BBQ. Games. etc.

The Rock Café (11-16s)

Every evening of the week, Monday to Friday, there will be The Rock Café for young people from 7.30pm-9.30pm. Every evening starts at Teddington Baptist Church and will be action packed with music, challenges, games, competitions, and activities. £1 per evening. No need to book, just turn up.

What's Online for Teddington?

Wot? is an internet information service for Teddington provided by Teddington Baptist Church. What ever you want, it is (probably) on Wot? <http://come.to/Teddington>

Teddington Salvation Army

The Salvation Army Centre is in Church Road and meetings are held there on Sundays at 10.30am and 5pm. The new leaders of the Teddington Corps are Captains Allister and Rhian Havercroft. Ask at The BIG Top office for details of the weekly activities at the Salvation Army Centre.

The BIG Top Website

Throughout the year, The BIG Top website has pictures and newsletters from The BIG Top.
<http://come.to/TheBigTop>

The Arena Memory Verse for Today

Jesus said “Your faith has healed you”