

## “Simple Simon – I don’t think so!”

### News Headlines

#### Meet the Leaders



Richard Littledale is the Minister of Teddington Baptist Church. He has a love of drama which

finds expression in many ways, including the annual BIG Top dramas. This year he wrote the short plays called “A Fish called Wonder” which introduced children in The Arena to the life of Simon Peter, one of Jesus’ disciples. He is also the secret pen behind Bert & Lucy. But today he is “just another bloke” in the latest BIG Top drama.

#### Arena (5-10s)

Bert and Lucy dropped into The Arena each day to teach the Memory Verse but did so much singing and shouting that they have completely lost their voices!



Bert



Lucy

#### Arena Memory Verse

Jesus said: “I have come to give you life to the max”  
John 10:10

#### The Rainbow Tent (3-4s)

The children have enjoyed themselves all week with fun and games on the theme of animals. Colin the Cockerel enjoyed meeting the children and other animals.

#### The Marquee (under 3s)

In The Marquee the children have had a bouncy castle and a ball pond among other delights throughout the week. They had a visit from Hounslow Urban Farm which they shared with The Rainbow Tent.

A collection in The Marquee on Friday raised nearly £100 for famine relief work in Niger. Many thanks to all who contributed.

**All week the drama in The Arena has been telling the story of Simon Peter – the fisherman who became a disciple of Jesus. Today you will be able to find out what the children have learnt about “Simple Simon” and his relationship with Jesus.**

**The BIG Top says:** Simon, Peter, Simon Peter, whatever name he was known by, he was never really a Simple Simon - after all, he decided to follow Jesus!

#### People to Spot

During the morning celebration, see if you can spot the following Arena characters: Roving Mike, Bert, Lucy, Fishmonger Sam and Simon Peter.

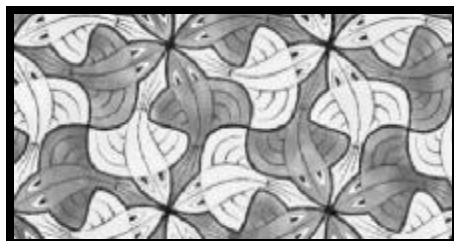
**The BIG Top says:** Why are some fish names always the same however many fish there are? One salmon, two salmon, lots of salmon.

#### Five Fishy Books

The DaVinci Cod by Dan Brown  
The Hiding Place by Corrie Ten Boom  
James and the Giant Perch by Roald Dahl  
The Porpoise Driven Life by Rick Warren  
Fly Fishing by J R Hartley (Ed. *Please check if anyone has a copy of this one*)

#### How Many Fish?

A man called Escher did lots of clever drawings. This one shows lots of fish all squeezed up together. How many fish are there in this picture? (Don’t forget to include all the little bits and pieces of fish round the edges.)



Escher's 'Sky and Water I' fish pattern

### Don’t Forget

#### Celebration Day

Today is our Celebration Day from 10.30am until the middle of the afternoon. Songs. Games. Fish ‘n Chips Lunch - £4 per person (under 3s free).

#### The Rock Café (11-16s)

The Rock Café ran each evening (Tuesday to Friday) at Teddington Baptist Church Centre. It was packed with music, challenges, games, competitions & activities.

#### What’s Online for Teddington?

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

#### The Sponsoring Churches

The BIG Top is organised by Teddington Baptist Church with help from Teddington Methodist Church and Teddington Salvation Army. See over page for details of children and youth activities at all three churches.

#### Thank You!



Eli Hassoun, the Youth Pastor of Teddington Baptist Church, sends a big “Thank You” to everyone who helped with The BIG Top 2005.

#### The BIG Top Website

The BIG Top website has photos and newsletters from all the past five years of The BIG Top.  
<http://come.to/TheBigTop>

#### How Many Attended?

The BIG Top 2005 was attended at one time or another by 275 different children and young people. The highest attendance on any day during the week was: 79 in The Arena, 24 in The Rainbow Tent, 76 in The Marquee and 22 in The Rock Café.