

## Bluebeard walks the plank

### News Headlines

#### Meet the Leaders



Richard

Richard Littledale is the Minister of Teddington Baptist Church. Watch out for him in the Ring where he plays Paul marooned on Castaway Island

after his shipwreck. You can find this story in the Bible in Acts 27:27 to 28:10 – it actually happened on the island of Malta. Today Paul told the children in the Ring about the many adventures he had had in his life even before his shipwreck. Once he had to escape for his life in an old washing basket lowered over the walls of a city. Another time he had to be rescued from a crowd who were going to beat him up.

#### Rainbow Tent (3s)



In The Rainbow Tent the children have been learning about how it rained and rained and rained for 40 days and 40 nights until the ark floated away with all the animals safely inside. They made coloured umbrellas to help remember that God had made it rain for so long. Tomorrow they will find out what happened to Noah and all the animals after the rain stopped.

#### Pirated Joke of the Day

We are pirating jokes all week! The children are bringing in their favourite jokes and the best ones get read out to everyone. Today's pirated joke of the day is:  
Q: "What do you call a pirate who steals from the rich and gives to the poor?" A: "Robin Hook!"

There was real drama in The BIG Top today. Bluebeard was forced to walk the plank by Captain Kate! He had done something which really upset her and all the other pirates. But when he jumped off the end he was standing on dry land rather than in shark infested waters. What a relief! Captain Kate had really forgiven him and meant it as a joke.

The pirates have promised to be good and not nasty to each other. So they have decided to call themselves Landlubbers rather than carrying on being known as pirates. And they are using the map they found in the Bible to find the best way to the lighthouse!



**The BIG Top says:** *Being good is not easy – the Landlubbers need to learn from Jesus how to shine as lights.*

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We are really grateful to our sponsors. Tesco's gave the decorative materials used for the lighthouse cookies.

#### Pirate Crew Names



Captain Sparrow's Crew



Captain Eagle's Crew

The crews in The Ring have Pirate Captains named after birds – Captains Eagle, Hawk, Parrot and Sparrow. Which of those Captains has the first name "Jack"?

### Don't Forget

#### Rock Café and The Event

On Thursday evening this week we have the Rock Café for young people age 11-16 at Teddington Baptist Church. It starts at 7.30pm and finishes at 9.00pm. The charge is £2-50. On Friday also for 11+ we have The Event (7pm-9pm) with free admission and live music!

#### Come to our Celebration Day

There will be a Celebration Day on Sunday from 10.30am with songs, games etc and a BBQ. For those without children in The BIG Top all week, Family tickets for the BBQ are available from Reception £5.

#### Talent Show

Don't forget there will be a Talent Show in The Ring and The Arena on Saturday – it's not too late to start rehearsing! And encourage your families to come and join us from 10.30am to 12.15pm. What can you do – either by yourself, with your friends, or with your parents? Sing? Juggle? Play an instrument? Tell a pirated joke? .... or what?

#### The BIG Top Website

The BIG Top website has photos and newsletters from all 9 years of The BIG Top. You can also download copies of this week's newsletters as they are published usually by the end of each day.  
[www.TeddingtonBigTop.org.uk](http://www.TeddingtonBigTop.org.uk)

#### Memory Verse

Paul said **"Nothing is as wonderful as knowing Jesus Christ my Lord. I have given up everything else and count it all as rubbish. All I want is Christ."** (Philippians 3:8)

#### Craftwork

Today the older children made lighthouse cookies. They iced and decorated the cookies and the plates to which they are iced. The cookies are edible – but don't try to eat the plate!