

Castaways: Paul & Pirates

News Headlines

Meet the Leaders



Elizabeth
The Rainbow Tent is being led all this week by Elizabeth Hicks. She retired two years ago after teaching in local schools for the last 30 years. During term-time she also helps run the Church's Live Wires group on Thursday evenings for school years 3, 4 and 5.

Rainbow Tent (3s)



The children in Rainbow Tent have been learning about how God told Noah to make the ark to save his family and all the animals from the flood. Today the children made animals which go two by two into the ark. Noah and the animals are waiting for the rain to start!

Fabergé-Style Eggs

Today the older children decorated Fabergé-style treasure eggs which they can now put into the treasure chests they made on Tuesday.

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 did the pirate do when his friend stepped on his foot?"

A: "He became pi-rate!"

Thanks to our Sponsors

The Fun Factory helped with generous discounts for pirate gear. Stanley School lent the full-size Treasure Chest which features in the entrance display.



The BIG Top is full of castaways on desert islands. Paul is all alone on Castaway Island. Today he told

the older children how Jesus died and rose from the dead so God could forgive us for all the things we have done wrong. Paul explained that he knows this is true because years after Jesus died on the cross Paul met Jesus on the road to Damascus.

The Castaway Pirates!

Meanwhile in The BIG Top drama, the pirates have promised to be good and have received a royal pardon – the king has forgiven them for everything they have done wrong. But they are still castaways on a desert island because they wrecked their ship on Tuesday by being careless. Will they manage to get back home?

The BIG Top says: *Being a castaway isn't much fun – let's hope they all get rescued before The BIG Top ends!*



Pirate Crew Names

**Captain
Sealion's
Crew**



**Captain
Shark's
Crew**



The crews in The Ring have Pirate Captains named after sea creatures – Captains Dolphin, Sealion, Shark, Squid, Stingray and Turtle.

Pirates and Parrots

There are parrots all over The BIG Top as well as pirates! How many can you spot? Have you seen the one in The Ring looking down on everyone?

The Rainbow Tent's Colin the Cockerel is quite upset at people thinking he is a parrot so don't make that mistake!

Don't Forget

Rock Café and The Event

On Wednesday and Thursday evenings this week we have the Rock Café for young people age 11-16 at Teddington Baptist Church. It starts at 7.30pm each night and finishes at 9.00pm. Advance bookings only! The charge is £2-50 each night or a bargain £4-00 if both nights are booked in advance. On Friday also for 11+ we have The Event (7pm-9pm) with free admission and live music!

Come to our Celebration Day

It will be on Sunday from 10.30am with songs, games etc and a BBQ. For those without children in The BIG Top, Family tickets will be available from Reception: £5.

The BIG Top Website

The BIG Top website has photos and newsletters from all 9 years of The BIG Top including this year. This newsletter will be there by the end of the day.

www.TeddingtonBigTop.org.uk

Talent Show

Don't forget the Talent Show in The Ring and The Arena on Saturday – it's not too early 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?

Memory Verse Song

The older children are learning this year's 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).

If they want to practice the memory verse at home, they will find it on the back of the pirate medallion (Pieces of Eight) which they were all given on Tuesday.