# Alive again! From Sadness to Joy 

## News Headlines

Meet the Leaders
 Pam Chapman is the main Leader in The Arena. When not doing The BIG Top, Pam works for Teddington Baptist Church as a children's worker. She organises Open Door for carers and toddlers every Tuesday and Friday morning. She runs Busy Bees on Tuesday mornings for children 2+.
The Rainbow Tent (3s)
Tomorrow there will be a Fancy Dress Parade in the Rainbow Tent, so, if possible, the children should come dressed up. But there will also be animal masks provided for those who forget. The children will parade through the Saturday Talent Show in the Ring and The Arena.

## Craftwork

Children in The Ring and The Arena made musical instruments out of yoghurt pots and pasta which they decorated in all sorts of ways. We hope they will bring them back on Saturday and Sunday and use them during some of the songs.
Mop head people were today's Rainbow Tent craft - mops dressed up with cardboard clothes.
Group Names


The group names for The Ring and The Arena were chosen as a reminder that we should all be Wastewatchers, caring for the world around us in all sorts of ways.

## Thanks to our Sponsors

We are really grateful to all our sponsors. Sainsbury's donated the Bags for Life which the children in The Ring and The Arena are taking home today.

Mary and her friends were so happy when they found out that Jesus was alive again. They had seen him died on the cross. But now he was alive. They were so happy they could have cried - and probably did.


The BIG Top says: What a wonderful surprise! We know God can do anything - but he can still surprise us if we forget what a great God he is.

Action Prayers in The Rainbow Tent Each day the children have done some action prayers - stretching from seeds to plants as they thank God for all the things which grow; barking and grunting as they thank God for the animals; shining like stars as they thank God for the heavens above.

A Cockerel, a Monkey and a Toucan The BIG Top has three puppets this year - Colin the Cockerel in the Rainbow Tent, Monkey and Toucan in The Ring and The Arena. Monkey and Toucan take part in the daily drama as well as dancing, singing and joining in the jokes.

## Recycled Joke of the Day

In The Ring and The Arena we have a recycled joke bank! (The old ones are the best ones). Today's recycled joke of the day is:
Question: "What do you call a woman with a tile on her head?"
Answer: "Ruth!"

## Don't Forget

Come and Join the Celebration! There will be a Celebration Day on Sunday from 10.30am. Songs. Games etc. BBQ. For those without children in The BIG Top, Family tickets for the BBQ are available from Reception price $£ 5$.

The BIG Top Website
The BIG Top website has photos and newsletters from the past seven years of The BIG Top. www.TeddingtonBigTop.org.uk
Wastewatcher's Tip of the Day Make sure your television is switched off when you have finished watching it - don't just walk away or leave it on stand-by.

## Talent Show

Don't forget there will a Talent Show for children in The Ring and The Arena tomorrow (Saturday) this is your last chance to practice! Encourage your families to come and join us from 10.30am to 12noon. What can you do - either by yourself, with your friends, or with your parents? Sing? Juggle? Play an instrument? Tell a recycled joke? Create a picture or a fancy dress costume out of reused materials?..or what?

## Memory Verse



Jesus said: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12)
This verse has been made into a song which the children are singing every day in The Ring and The Arena.

