

**family
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good news in our community

Stay & Play



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Stay & Play offers a safe and friendly place outside the home where parents can enjoy some play time with their children. It also gives an opportunity for parents to better understand some of the ups and downs of their child's play and behaviour.

Stay & Play is run by Family Space staff and volunteers, but it is the parents who encourage their children in the play activities available.

We take note of the Every Child Matters outcomes followed by playgroups and nursery schools, by offering activities that encourage even the youngest of children to participate alongside their parents.

Stay & Play runs at Hesters Way Baptist Church in Ashlands Road on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10.00 to 11.30 and at St Silas Church Centre on Thursdays at the same times.

also on offer at Stay and Play are:

bookshelf

Our book lending library is available for parents to borrow both factual and fiction books for enjoyment together with the children at home.

storysacks

Cloth bags which contain a children's picture book, a supporting factual book on a similar theme, themed toys and games, plus a parent's guide. Some also contain cds or audio cassettes.

toy library

Available from Stay and Play at St Silas Church Centre on Thursday mornings or by arrangement.

this term's themes are....



Alongside the continuing artwork in Hesters Way Baptist Church, Stay & Play will explore the story of Noah's Ark before celebrating Christmas.

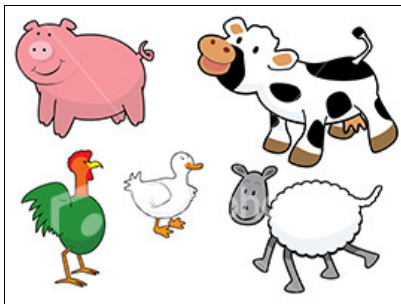
Term dates:

Starting in January on Tuesday 5th, Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th.

Half term will be the week of Monday 15th —Friday 19th February.

There will be a session on the morning of Thursday 18th February making animal masks. Further details to follow.

Ending in April with the last sessions being on Tuesday 30th, Wednesday 31st March and Thursday 1st April when we will be celebrating Easter.



Thursdays

10—11.30 St. Silas Church



Times: Tuesdays
10—11.30 HW Baptist
Church

Wednesdays 10—
11.30 HW Baptist Church

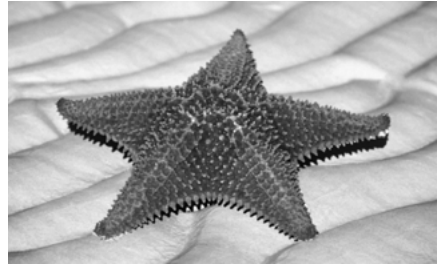
The Starfish

Walking along the beach close to the water's edge he could see thousands and thousands of starfish washed up from the previous tide. Into the distance he could see the long line of starfish stretched out before him, all of them only a few feet from the sea as if stranded. Tantalisingly so near, yet so far from the water.

He reached down and picked one up and gently threw it back into the sea. He reached down again and did the same to another, and another and another.

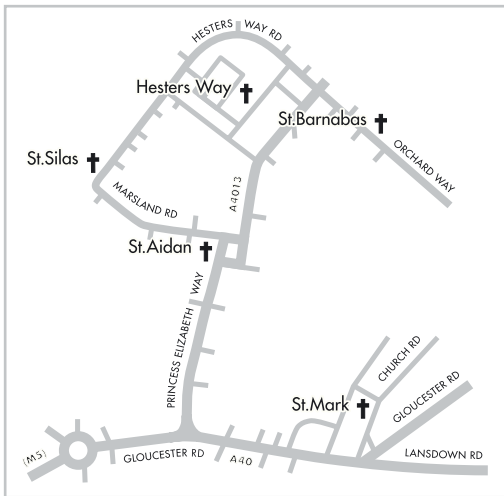
A second man, walking his dog along the beach saw him and asked 'why are you doing that – surely you can't make a difference to all these starfish – there are too many of them'.

Throwing another one back into the sea, the man replied, 'it makes a difference to this one!'



'This is the thinking behind much of the activity of Family Space, making a difference to some people's lives.

Of course, we can't help anywhere near all the families we would like to... but we can help some.



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