

S. U. & C. S. S. M. An amazing story

Margaret Haig, in her 'Story of the United Reform Church at Minnis Bay', tells of the earliest '**Sand Services**', run by an elderly gentleman named Mr Tyler. This was in the years between **1885 and 1900**. She says he attracted thirty or more children every weekday morning. They gathered round the red and white **C.S.S.M.** banner and sang choruses, listened to readings from the Bible and to Mr Tyler's very interesting talks. He usually illustrated these talks with 'visual aids', as we now term them.

In 2002, these same services were still held, now under the banner of the **Scripture Union**, and based at both St Thomas's and the U.R.C. churches at Minnis Bay, as well as the Baptist and Methodist ones in the village. It was a huge success, with over 320 children attending during the two weeks period.