

# Insights from the Isles - 1



## The Parting of the Red Sea

*The Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. (Exodus 14:29)*

On our first full day in Shetland, we visited the dramatic beach that separates the mainland from St Ninian's Isle. This narrow stretch of land is the finest example of a shell-sand tombola in the British Isles. The wind was so strong when we arrived that the two seas were actually colliding into each other (they are usually a good two hundred yards apart). The force of their coming together caused a fresh series of waves to shoot sideways. With the sun reflecting off the nearby cliffs and the seas breaking on the crags further up the coast, it was an exquisitely beautiful scene.

As I walked between the seas I had a vivid impression of what it must have been like for the Israelites to march out over the newly dried up sea, safe for the time being from the pursuing Egyptian armies. Their sense of awe must have been overwhelming, just as ours was as we contemplated all the Lord had done to make it possible for us to move to Shetland. So many things had to open up at the right time – and they all did!

I wonder. Are you needing some sort of a 'Red Sea' deliverance at the moment? You've seen the Egyptian troops pressing uncomfortably close behind, and the mountains are hemming you in on either side. You are crying out to God for Him to open up a way where now there is none. He will hear your cry, just as He heard the cry of the Israelites. (Exodus. 3:7)

We cannot legislate for how and when the Lord will do it, but the Word of God is crystal clear: **“Commit your way to the Lord, trust in Him and He will do it.”** Feed your faith on that thought from Psalm 37:5! You may get some sand in your shoes and some grit in your eyes, but He is with you every step of the way. He is leading you to the people, places and opportunities that are His destiny for you. You will be grateful that you accepted the challenge to step out in faith on the path He has set before you just as we are overwhelmed to find ourselves in this beautiful place that He has led us to.