

### Scripture Readings

*The Old Testament Scripture reading is received from **Isaiah chapter 9** verses **1-4**, which can be found on page **819** in the **old testament** of your pew bible...*

<sup>1</sup>For, while the first invader has dealt lightly with the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the second has dealt heavily with Galilee of the Nations on the road beyond Jordan to the sea.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light: light has dawned upon them, dwellers in a land as dark as death. Thou hast increased their joy and given them great gladness; they rejoice in thy presence as men rejoice at harvest, or as they are glad when they share out the spoil; for thou hast shattered the yoke that burdened them, the collar that lay heavy on their shoulders, the driver's goad, as on the day of Midian's defeat.

*The New Testament Scripture reading is received from **Matthew chapter 4** verses **12-23**, which can be found on page **6** in the **new testament** of your pew bible...*

<sup>12</sup>When he heard that John had been arrested, Jesus withdrew to Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and settled at Capernaum on the Sea of Galilee, in the district of Zebulun and Naphtali. This was to fulfil the passage in the prophet Isaiah which tells of 'the land of Zebulun, the land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, the land beyond Jordan, heathen Galilee', and says: 'The people that lived in darkness saw a great light; light dawned on the dwellers in the land of death's dark shadow.' From that

