



MATARIKI GATHERING

Saturday 10 June, 5.30–7.30pm
St James Anglican Church,
71 Woburn Road, Lower Hutt

Traditionally, **Matariki** is the time to plant trees, prepare the land for planting crops, and renew associations with whānau. It is a good time to reflect on our place in the world, to re-awaken old skills or try out new ones, to review the past year and to set new goals...

...SO....



bring some food to share, and come join us as we continue to reflect on



*Water and us:
a right - a resource - a relationship.*

There is considerable concern at the moment about the health of the aquifer in the Hutt Valley. Our evening together will begin with some worship, and then as we share food, we will listen to some input, and consider ways in which we can contribute - individually, in households and churches, and as communities - to the health of our waterways .

We also look forward to finding ways to lobby those who are standing for Parliament this year.

Bring any resources you have to share.

Please RSVP to Jean—jean.malcolm@stjames.net.nz—to help with catering



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A little more about TRANSITION CHURCHES

The 'Transition' is the period of change ahead of us this century for our society as:

- we approach the end of the Fossil Fuel Age (and therefore of abundant and cheap energy)
- we face the global challenges of living in a deteriorating natural environment (from many causes).

This Transition will result in the need to move towards 'localisation' in most aspects of our lives, with the important exception of communication.

Central to a successful Transition therefore will be the development of resilient and sustainable local communities. The local church will have its special role to play in the development of such communities.

The goals of Transition Churches are:

- To resource their own people to understand the Transition ahead, theologically, spiritually, and practically
- To work towards shaping their corporate life and ministry as a model for the surrounding community in its changing context
- To establish patterns of cooperation with other bodies, organisations and groups in the local community with similar values and aims.

The role of the Transition Church Core Group is to help faith communities to achieve these goals.

Some projects already underway locally:

- Project Kowhai in the Anglican Parish of Lower Hutt—nurturing and re-planting native seedlings to provide for a corridor of bush across the Hutt Valley in partnership with Forest & Bird [contact: Margaret Anderson, bandy25@clear.net.nz]
- Elder Wisdom Project in the Anglican parish of Holy Trinity, Avalon—facilitating youngsters researching the knowledge of older folk in their community—[contact: Mary Woollaston, m.woollaston@xtra.co.nz]

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