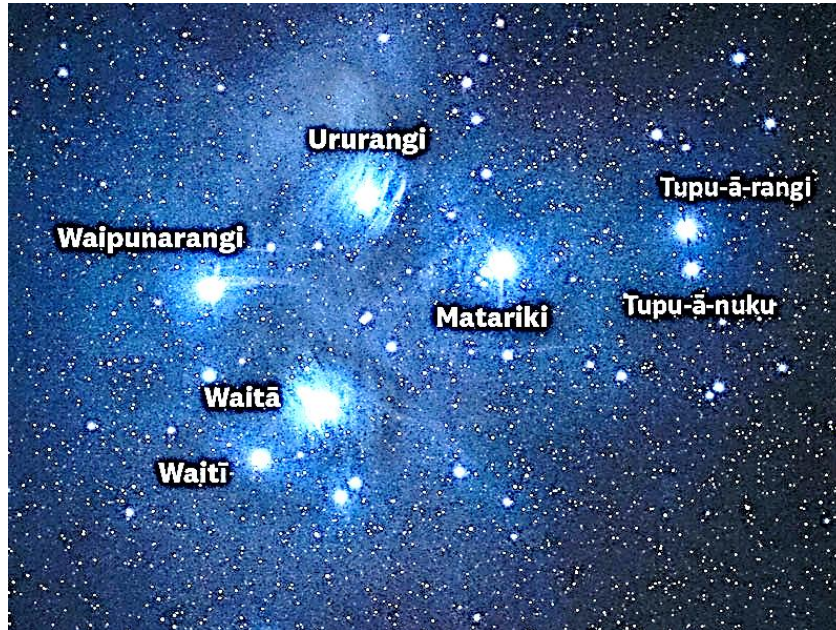


Weekly Newsletter – 4th July 2021

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We might have one more year to wait until Matariki becomes an official public holiday – but that doesn't mean we can't celebrate now.

"Matariki" refers to the star cluster also known as Pleiades, or the Seven Sisters. The stars can be seen most of the year, except for a period at the beginning of the cold months, when they disappear from view. Their reappearance in the pre-dawn sky in the middle of winter heralds the beginning of a new year.

Matariki is a day for all New Zealanders, and there is no one way to celebrate. In essence, it's a time for gathering with friends and whānau to reflect on the year that has been, enjoy the present, and look forward to the year ahead

I hope I haven't stolen your thunder Trevor! We look forward to what you have to tell us in our service this morning.

Lynn

**Notices for next Sunday's bulletin to Lynn please
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Lectionary Readings for this Sunday:

[2 Samuel 5.1-5, 9-10](#) David is anointed King of Israel. He captures Jerusalem and rules as King for forty years.

[Psalm 48](#) God's people in Jerusalem praise the Lord. They feel safe inside the fortresses of the city.

[2 Corinthians 12.2-10](#) Paul is reluctant to boast of his own experiences of spiritual revelation - but mentions them anyway. He has a painful physical ailment that he has asked the Lord to take away. The Lord replied, "My kindness is all you need. My power is strongest when you are weak."

[Mark 6.1-13](#) When Jesus returned to his hometown of Nazareth the people did not have faith in him. He sent his disciples out in twos with the message to turn to God and with power of evil spirits.

Focus readings for today:

Psalm 19: 1-6

John 6: 41 - 51

Services coming up:

July 4 Rev Shelley – Communion – Matariki

Reflective service - Rev Shelley 7pm

July 11 - Peter, Robin and the choir

July 18 - Rev Shelley

July 25 - Rev Shelley

Rest Home Services coming up:

July 25 Tamahere - Lynn

30 Beattie Home - Shelley



We pray for others:

We acknowledge the family—
Remembering those who have passed on from
this world to the next.

At Matariki, we pause to stargaze
To dream our dreams

And plan our actions for a better world,
An earth transformed, made new.
We think of the things we can do
To make poverty history;
To care for our mother the earth
To savour and conserve her resources;
To invigorate and sustain this community of faith.

Experience this classic lullaby through the fresh lens of astrophysicist Julia Kregenow, PhD. *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, I Know Exactly What You Are* engages the little star lovers in your life with the whimsical but real science of the stars, to a tune we all know and love.

Do you know why stars twinkle? It's time to find out!

Written to the classic melody of "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" by an expert in astrophysics, it is perfect for learning exactly what those twinkling little stars are doing way up high in the sky. Discover how stars are created, what they're made of, and even what makes them look like they're twinkling.

Stars are not only great for wishing upon, but they are also spectacular examples of scientific magic. From atmospheric turbulence to fusing atoms, these delightful (more accurate!) lyrics will become your new favourite version of this classic tune. Instead of wondering what stars are, you will know for sure!

*Twinkle Twinkle Little Star
I know exactly what you are
Opaque ball of hot dense gas,
million times our planet's mass,
looking small because you're far,
I know exactly what you are.*