

## Lugar Brae Ministry Teams and Programs

**Minister:** Rev. Kwang Min (Kevin) Kim (0414 746 735)

**Children and Families Worker:** Ryan Buesnel (0406 409 846)

**Pianists:** Keira Tu, In-Ae Lee

**Prayer Group:** Bob Vickery (9369 2705)

meets every Sunday at 9:15am in the fellowship area

**Music Team:** Rehearses at 6pm on Thursdays

**Bible Study:** David Robinson (0410 568 849)

Meets Monday at 6:30pm in the fellowship area

**Tuesday Bible Study:** Kevin- meets every second Tuesday at 5:30pm in the fellowship area

**Bronte Playgroup:** Kevin/Ryan

Meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 10-11:30am in the Church hall

**Lugar Brae Community Choir:** Rehearses at 4:30pm each Wednesday in the Church

**Lugar Brae Community Dance:** Keira Tu (0423 584 462)

Meets Saturdays at 6pm in the Church hall

**Saturday Fellowship Group:** Margery Whitehead (9663 1827)  
Meets on the first Sunday of the month at 2pm in the fellowship area



## Upcoming Events & Announcements

- The Christianity Explored youth bible study is on this Friday 19th from 6:30-9:30pm
- The next Family Fun Church takes place next Sunday (21st)
- Church Council will meet after the service next Sunday (21st).
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# Lugar Brae Uniting Church

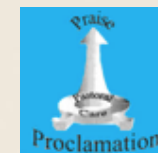


## Sunday 14th May, 2017

Our vision is to effectively engage with the community to proclaim God's love through word and action



[www.lugarbrae.unitingchurch.org.au](http://www.lugarbrae.unitingchurch.org.au)



A very warm welcome to all our visitors! We would love for you to join us for refreshments after the service if you are able

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## ● Service Schedule

● This week

● (May 14th): 9:30am

● **Worship Service:**

● Rev. Kevin Kim

● **Sunday School:**

● Ryan Buesnel

● **Bible Readers:**

● Margaret W.

● **Bible Readings:** Acts

● 7:55-60; Psalm 35:1-5,  
● 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John  
● 14:1-14

● Next Week

● (May 21st): 9:30am

● **Worship Service:**

● Rev. Kevin Kim

● **Family Fun Church:**

● Ryan Buesnel

● **Bible Readers:**

● David R. / Elizabeth M.  
● **Bible Readings:** Acts  
● 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1  
● Peter 3:13-22; John  
● 14:15-21

## Be Prepared: Psalm 66

**Prepare for it:** Pray for God's help for this passage to change your heart.

Psalm 66 is a psalm of praise and thanksgiving. It is arranged in three parts: vv1-7 call for all the earth to praise God for His great acts of creation; vv8-12 call on God's people to praise His Kingship, and vv13-20 are a prayer of individual thanksgiving. Some people believe it was originally 2 separate psalms (vv1-12 and vv13-20). While we do not know the circumstances that gave rise to this psalm, the ascription "to the Director of Music" suggests it was used in public worship.

**Read It:** Psalm 66: 8-20([www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+66](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+66))

Why are God's people called to praise Him (vv8, 9)?

What events are reported in vv11-12a, b? How did these troubles end? (v12c)

What was the purpose of these hardships? (v10)

What motivates the psalmist to give thanks? (vv12-15)

Is the psalmist's thanks a purely private matter? (vv16, 17)?

What important truth does the psalmist realise in vv 18-20?

Think About It:

Why does God allow His people to suffer hardship?

What can we promise God that will cause Him to help us?

### Get the Message

We do not know if specific events led to the creation of this psalm, or if it was created for public worship based on historical events such as the Exodus. Whatever the reason, it is God's saving power ("he as preserved our lives") that is the basis for this call to praise. The psalmist reports that God did not spare His people from hardship ("You brought us into prisons and laid burdens on our backs") but He did bring them to "a place of abundance". This suffering was not without purpose: the psalmist says this happened because God "refined us like silver". We might hope God will only send us pleasant circumstances, but it seems that learning to trust Him in hardship is necessary for a strong and pure faith. The heart that properly worships God will keep its promises; the psalmist apparently made vows of offerings to God when they were in trouble and it is proper that these vows be kept when salvation was given. This does not mean that God can be swayed by any gift we can offer Him, except, perhaps, the heart that wants to do what is right. While there is always a personal element to the praise and thanks we bring to God, the psalmist cannot help but share their experience with all the people of God, to tell of their trouble and their joy at God's saving actions. In the final verses the psalmist realises an important truth: God acted to save them because their heart was right, not because of the promise of sacrifice ("if I cherished sin in my heart the Lord would not have listened"); our salvation is only ever an act of God's grace, it is never earned and is always a reason for praise.