

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 6:30pm 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: Ryan / Kevin

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

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



Upcoming Events & Announcements

- Our Christmas in July service is on next week at 9:30am. 'Christmas in July' Lunch with us will be on from 12pm.
- The next Family Fun Church will be on Sunday 30th July at 9:30am
- Stay connected with us: facebook.com/lugarbraeuca
- Bronte Playgroup resumes this week

Lugar Brae Uniting Church



Sunday 16th July, 2017

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



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

(July 16th): 9:30am

Worship Service:

Rev. Kevin Kim

Sunday School:

Ryan Buesnel

Bible Readers:

Barbara N. / William L.

Bible Readings: Genesis

25:19-34; Psalm

119:105-112; Romans

8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9,

18-23

Next Week

(July 23rd): 9:30am

Worship Service:

Rev. Kevin Kim

Sunday School:

Ryan Buesnel

Bible Readers;

Brian F. / Cammi W.

Bible Readings:

Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm

139:1-12, 23-24; Romans

8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30,

36-43

BE PREPARED: PSALM 139

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

Psalms 139 is a psalm of David, probably sung in public worship. Unusually, it combines elements of hymn, thanksgiving and lament in a way that make it difficult to classify. While it is not clear what situation may have motivated the writing of this psalm, it reveals an intensely personal relationship between the psalmist and Yahweh.

Read It: Psalm 139:1-12, 23, 24(www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+139)

How well, does the psalmist say, does God know us? (vv1-3)

Is there anything God does not know about us? (vv4,5a) Is the psalmist afraid of God's level of knowledge? (vv5b,6)

Is there anywhere we can go to escape God's presence? (vv 7-10)

Can we hide from God's love and protection? (vv 11,12)

How does the psalmist ask God to use this knowledge? (vv23,24)

Think About It:

Does the knowledge that God knows us better than we know ourselves make you feel worried or secure?

Are you prepared to have God search your heart and lead you into the way of the everlasting?

Get the Message

Psalm 139 begins with the psalmist's astonished confession that God knows His own people, even better than they know themselves; God knows both our thoughts and our deeds. God knows our thoughts as they are barely formed ("you perceive my thoughts from afar"). God's Knowledge is complete, it surrounds us ("You hem me in behind and before") but this deep understanding does not concern the psalmist, first because it allows God to bless and protect them ("you lay your hand upon me") and second because it is awe inspiring ("Such knowledge is too wonderful for me"). From an awareness of God's deep knowledge and understanding, the psalmist moves on to celebrate God's all-encompassing presence; there is nowhere we can go where God cannot be with us: we cannot escape God in the heavens or in the deeps. Nor can we out run God's love and protection: "If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast". Nor can we hide from God; the psalmist says even the darkness cannot hide us because "darkness is as light" for God. Far from seeing this intimate knowledge by God as a threat, the psalmist takes the opportunity to invite God to "Search me, God, and know my heart". Aware of our human capacity for self-deception the psalmist asks God to "See if there is any offensive way in me". The purpose of this examination is that God might "lead me in the way everlasting." In God's grace we can be instructed in the ways of righteousness and even those sins of which we are unaware can be brought to light and corrected.