

## 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:** Kevin

Meets 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 Carol service takes place on Tuesday 12th December at 7pm

-The next Family Fun Church will be on Sunday 17th December at 9:30am

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# Lugar Brae Uniting Church

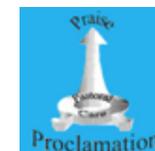


## Sunday 10th December 2017

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



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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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### Bible Facts!

Dogs are mentioned 14 times in the Bible

## Service Schedule

### This week

(December 10th): 9:30am

#### Worship Service:

Rev. Kevin Kim

#### Sunday School:

Ryan B./David R.

#### Bible Readers:

Cammi W. / William L.

#### Bible Readings:

Isaiah 40:1-11, Psalm 85:1-2; 8-13, 2 Peter 3:8-15a, Mark 1:1-8

### Next Week

(December 17th): 9:30am

#### Worship Service:

David Robinson

#### Sunday School:

Ryan B.

#### Bible Readers:

Bob V. / Marilyn T.

#### Bible Readings:

Isaiah 61:1-4; 8-11, Psalm 126, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24, John 1:6-8; 19-28.

## BE PREPARED: PSALM 126

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

Psalm 126 is one of the "Songs of Ascents", the psalms used by pilgrims as they climbed from the valley of Kidron to the Eastern Gate of Jerusalem. This is a psalm of lament probably written for Israelites who returned from exile to Jerusalem in 538 BC. The psalm recalls God's past blessings and calls for God to again restore Israel's fortunes

Read It: Psalm 126([www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+126](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+126))

What caused the psalmist to say "our mouths were filled with laughter"? (vv1,2a)

How was this restoration seen by the surrounding nations? (v2b)

How did the Israelites respond to God's actions? (v3)

What request follows the initial thanksgiving? (v4)

How can we understand vv5,6 in this context?

### Think About It:

How is this psalm like Simeon's prayer in Lk 2:29-31?

Does Christmas assure you of joy like the streams of the Negev?

### Get the Message:

Like many psalms, Psalm 126 begins by recalling the LORD's past blessings. Here the psalmist speaks of the LORD restoring "the fortunes of Zion" – where the name of the hill in Jerusalem on which the Temple was built (Zion) is used to refer to all Israel or at least Jerusalem. This restoration was likely the return of Israelites to Jerusalem after the exile in Babylon, and it was like a dream for the people. The unexpected release of Israelite captives from Babylon was so unusual that surrounding nations recognised it as a sign of God's power to work for Israel's good. From the dream-like celebrations when they first heard the news of restoration the people moved to joyful recognition of God's love. V3 recognises that, whatever their current situation, God has done great things for His people and they can rejoice in those blessings. But life back in the ruined city of Jerusalem came with many challenges; the city walls and Temple needed to be rebuilt and the foreigners who now lived in the city. The psalmist asks God to further restore Israel's fortunes in that harsh environment like the dry wadis in the Negev desert that occasionally run as raging streams after heavy rain. Having asked God to complete the restoration of Israel the psalm ends with a word of prophecy that recognises God's faithfulness and rejoices in the knowledge that those struggling to rebuild the city (who sow in tears) can look forward to a bright future where the reap in joy. The words remind of Simeon's joy on seeing the infant Jesus; he can die knowing he had seen the God's salvation for all people