

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 Wednesday 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

-Family Fun Church is on today at 9:30am

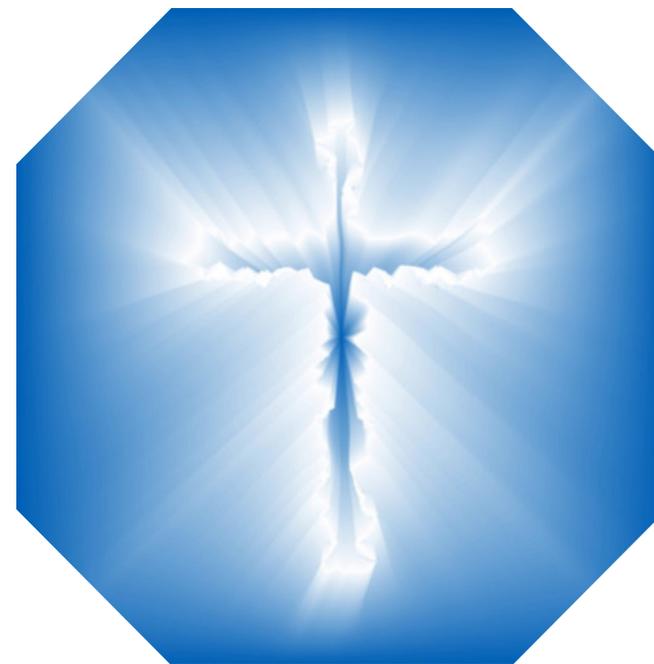
-April Church council meeting will be held after the service today

-We would like to invite you to 'Picnic in the Park' on Sunday, 29th April at 'One more shot pond' in Centennial Park.

-Birthday - Grant B. (April 14)

-Stay connected with us: facebook.com/lugarbraeuca

Lugar Brae Uniting Church

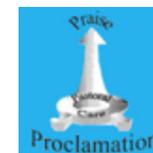


Sunday 15th April 2018

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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Bible Facts!

John uses the most metaphors for Jesus out of the 4 Gospels

Service Schedule

This week

(April 15th): 9:30am

Worship Service:

Rev. Kevin Kim

Family Fun Church:

Ryan B

Bible Readers:

Keira T. / Barbara N.

Bible Readings:

Acts 3:12-19, Psalm 4, 1 John

3:1-7, Luke 24:36b-48

Next Week

(April 22nd): 9:30am

Worship Service:

Ryan Buesnel

Sunday School:

TBC

Bible Readers:

Bob V. / Cammi W.

Bible Readings:

Acts 4:5-12, Psalm 23, 1 John

3:16-24, John 10:11-18

BE PREPARED: PSALM 23

Prepare for it: Pray for God's help for this passage to change your heart. Ps 23 is perhaps the best known and loved psalm in the psalter. The psalm is ascribed to David and, like many psalms, psalm 23 is a response to some unknown trouble experienced by the king. While we are not told what the trouble is, the psalm expresses confidence and trust in the LORD's protection and provision. It uses two main images: God as the shepherd of Israel and God as the host of a lavish banquet.

Read It: Psalm 23

(www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+23)

What does it mean for God to be our shepherd? (v1)

How do the psalmist's examples in vv2,3 explain what God the shepherd does? Why does God offer this protection and provision?

How can the psalmist face the "darkest valleys" of life? (v4)

What image is used in v5? Why is this reassuring to individuals?

How does this confidence affect the psalmist's view of the future? (v6) What does it mean to dwell the house of the Lord?

Think About It:

What "dark shadows" are the source of your fears?

Have you experienced the certainty of God's goodness and love?

Get the Message:

The psalm opens with God's covenant name (Yahweh) used to identify the psalmist's personal shepherd. This image portrays God as the one who provides and protects His people in general and as individuals, a consequence of the Covenant: I will be your God and you will be my people". (This promise was extended to all people when Jesus declared himself to be the "Good Shepherd" in Jn 10:11). The consequence of this statement is that the psalmist will "lack nothing". This does not mean the psalmist will not experience hardship or danger but, in everything that matters, God will provide their need.

The images of "green pastures" (plenty of food) and "quiet waters" (where sheep can safely drink) portray God's refreshing care for His own, while the idea of guidance along "right paths" speaks of God's activities to teach His people the ways that will bring them "home", (into His presence). The deep shadows in ravines and wadis where the shepherd leads the sheep might conceal danger for them, yet the psalmist's confidence in God's good shepherding (symbolised by His shepherd's "rod and staff") mean even the darkest shadows of death need not be feared. In v5 the image changes from shepherd to host, but the focus on God's care for the individual does not: God is portrayed as preparing a banquet of honour for the psalmist, vindicating the psalmist's trust in God in front of his enemies. Goodness and love are the characteristics of our covenant-keeping LORD; because of them God's people may be confident they are in His presence in all the circumstances of life