

## 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

- Join us for our Christmas service tomorrow morning at 9am!
- We are running some youth/family activities in the Jan school holidays. Please see Ryan for more info
- Stay connected with us: [facebook.com/lugarbraeuca](https://facebook.com/lugarbraeuca)

# Lugar Brae Uniting Church

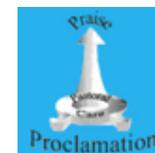


## Sunday 24th December 2017

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!

The Star of Bethlehem was reported by Matthew, but at the same time Chinese astronomers recorded it also

## Service Schedule

### This week

(December 24th): 9:30am

#### Worship Service:

Rev. Kevin Kim

#### Sunday School:

Ryan B. / David R.

#### Bible Readers:

Various

#### Bible Readings:

Genesis 12:1-4a; Exodus 9:1-6;  
Jeremiah 31:31-34; Isaiah 40:1-5,9;  
Isaiah 52:7-10; Isaiah 60:1-3;  
Luke 1:26-38; Luke 1:39-55; Luke 2:1-7

### Next Week

(December 31th): 9:30am

#### Worship Service:

Rev. Kevin Kim

#### Sunday School:

Ryan B. / David R.

#### Bible Readers:

Grant B. / Bob V.

#### Bible Readings:

Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148;  
Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

## BE PREPARED: PSALM 148

**Prepare for it:** Pray for God's help for this passage to change your heart. Psalm 148 is classified as a hymn of praise. The psalm calls all of creation to praise God, starting with the angelic host, and descending through the skies to the varied forms and creatures of earth, then summoning the family of man and finally the chosen people, the call to praise unites the whole creation.

**Read It:** Psalm 148([www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+126](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+126))  
How does the psalm open? (v1a) What parts of creation are called in to praise God in vv1-4?

Why should all these heavenly bodies praise God? (vv5,6)

What parts of creation are called to worship God in vv 7-10?

How end the list of those who should praise God? (vv11,12)

What two further reason does the psalmist give for praising God? (vv13,14) What has God "raised up for His people?"

#### Think About It:

How can we understand the reasons why God should be praised?

Is the coming of Messiah the ultimate Christmas gift for you?

#### Get the Message:

Psalm 148 opens and closes with a call to praise God. In the opening verses the psalmist calls for God to be praised in the "heights above", calling for angels and heavenly hosts, sun, moon and stars, the highest heavens and the "waters above the skies" to praise God. (The "waters above the skies" reflects the ancient belief that the sky was a crystal dome that held back waters and that rain occurred when the "windows of heaven" were opened – Gen 4:11, Mal 3:10). The rationale for this praise is that these are all things that were created by God and owe their existence to Him. Further, God is due praise because His words and deeds are eternal in nature. With poetic balance the psalmist then calls on everything on earth to praise God as well. The list, which represents all of creation includes sea creatures (v.7b), weather events (v.8), geographical features (v.9a), vegetation (v.9b), larger animals (v.10a) smaller animals and birds (v.10b). The list of earthly creatures who should praise God reaches its climax with the call for humanity to praise God. This list uses the categories of kings and nations (v.11a), princes and rulers (v.11b), male and female (v.12a) and old and young (v.12b) to stand for all humanity. As vv5,6 gave a reason for heavenly creation to praise God, vv13,14 supply two reasons why earthly creation should praise its maker: firstly praise is due to God for His splendour; His name is exalted and His splendour is "above the heavens and the earth". Second God is to be praised for His faithfulness to His people; God has "raised a horn" (i.e. given then victory and prosperity) for His people. This victory is fully realised in the coming of the Messiah, Jesus, to fully redeem God's people.