

# Lugar Brae Uniting Church

## 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

- January 'Lunch with us' will be on next Sunday, 28th from 12 pm.
- Our annual Congregational meeting (AGM) will take place on Sunday, 4th February.
- February fellowship meeting will be held on Sat, 3rd at 2 pm.
- Stay connected with us: [facebook.com/lugarbraeuca](https://www.facebook.com/lugarbraeuca)
- **Birthday** - Bob T. (Jan 29) / Jongsun K. (Feb 1)

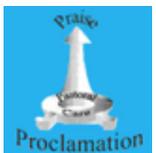


## Sunday 28th January 2018

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 word 'Bible' is from the Greek *ta biblia*, which means 'the scrolls.'

## Service Schedule

### This week

(January 28th): 9:30am

#### Worship Service:

Ryan B.

#### Sunday School:

David R.

#### Bible Readers:

Barbara N. / Grant B.

#### Bible Readings:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Psalm 111,  
1 Corinthians 8:1-13, Mark 1:21-28

### Next Week

(February 4th): 9:30am

#### Worship Service:

Rev. Kevin Kim

#### Sunday School:

Ryan B. / David. R

#### Holy Communion:

David R. / Margaret W.

#### Bible Readers:

Melisa B. / Sarah J.

#### Bible Readings:

Isaiah 40:21-31, Psalm 147:1-11,20c,  
1 Corinthians 9:16-20, Mark 1:29-39

## BE PREPARED: PSALM 147

**Prepare for it:** Pray for God's help for this passage to change your heart. Psalm 147 is considered to be an hymn of praise which consist of three main parts: vv 1-6 praise God's restoration, creation, and redemption, vv7-11 praise God's creation and love for His people and vv12-20 praise God's restoration, sovereignty, and revelation. The reference to gathering exiles in v2 suggests the psalm was written after the Exile in Babylon.

**Read It:** Psalm 147:1-11, 20c ([www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+147](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+147))  
What activity does the psalmist call at the beginning and end of this psalm? (vv1,20c),  
How is this activity described in v1?

How would you describe God's actions outlined in vv2,3,6?

Does God's concern for restoration suggest weakness? (vv4,5)

What attitude should underpin our praise of God? (v7) What is one reason God's people have for this grateful praise? (v8,9)

Is God delighted by strength? (v10) What does delight Him? (v11)

#### Think About It:

Why is gratitude such an important attitude for God's people?

What can you do and say this week that praises God with a grateful heart?

#### Get the Message:

Psalm 147 begins and ends with a call for God's people to "Praise the Lord". This activity is described as "good", "pleasant" and "fitting". These things may be the reason we are encouraged to praise God – such praise is good (i.e. beautiful), pleasant and appropriate. Having called the people to praise God the psalmist goes on to outline reasons why this should so. Vv2,3,6 point to God's work of restoring and defending His people: God builds up Jerusalem; gathers the exiles of Israel; heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds; God sustains the humble but casts the wicked to the ground.

But, lest we think this concern for restoration is somehow a weakness, the psalmist reminds us of God's power and wisdom as revealed in creation: God determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name; God is great and mighty in power with limitless understanding. V7 renews the call for God's people to "sing to the Lord ... make music to our God on the harp." This praise should be with a grateful heart which recognises both God's power and righteousness and His love for His people. At least one reason for gratitude is because God has ordered creation to sustain and support us: God "covers the sky with clouds... supplies the earth with rain and makes grass grow on the hills." It is not the strength of the war-horse or warrior that delights God but the faith of His people ("Lord delights in those ... who put their hope in his unfailing love") and they reverent worship. This same thought is echoed in Hebrews 15:15: "Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name"