

## 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 Fridays

**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

-SMART Recovery meeting is on this Tuesday from 6:30-8pm.

-'Christmas in July' service will be held on Sunday, 29th July.

Please bring any small gift under \$ 5 to share each other during the service and wear something **red** or **green** for 'Christmas in July' celebration.

-'Christmas in July' lunch will be from 12pm on next Sunday.

-Family Fun Church will be held during next weeks Christmas in July service

-Stay connected with us: [facebook.com/lugarbraeuca](https://facebook.com/lugarbraeuca)

# Lugar Brae Uniting Church

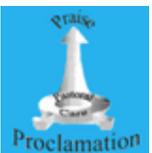


## Sunday 22nd July 2018

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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### Christian Quotes:

*'The function of prayer is not to influence God, but to change the nature of the one who prays'*  
Soren Kierkegaard

## Service Schedule

### This week

(July 22nd): 9:30am

#### Worship Service:

Ryan Buesnel

#### Sunday School:

TBA

#### Bible Readers:

Margaret W. / Melissa B.

#### Bible Readings:

2 Samuel 7:1-14a, Psalm 89:20-37, Ephesians 2:11-22, Mark 60:30-34; 54-56.

### Next Week

*'Christmas in July'*

(July 29th): 9:30am

#### Worship Service:

Rev. Kevin Kim

#### Family Fun Church:

Ryan Buesnel

#### Bible Readers:

William L. / Barbara N.

#### Bible Readings:

2 Samuel 11:1-15, Psalm 14, Ephesians 3:14-21, John 6:1-21

## BE PREPARED: PSALM 14

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

Ps 14 is difficult to classify: its concern for evildoers points to a psalm of lament, while its contrast of the fool and the one with understanding points to a wisdom psalm. A prophetic element is also present. The time and occasion for its writing are unclear; v7 points to a post-exilic time, but evidence for this is not strong. Ps 14 parallels Ps 53 closely.

**Read It:** Psalm 14([www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+14](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+14))

How is "foolishness" defined in v1? (see also Is 1:3) What is the consequence of being foolish?

For what does the Lord look in humans? (v2) Does He find it? (v3)

How does the evil person's lack of knowledge reveal itself? (v4)

What will show such people to be foolish? (vv5,6)

How can the problem of human sinfulness be addressed? (v7)

#### Think About It:

Why does the psalmist link the poor with the righteous here?

Do you believe God exists? If so, what does it mean for your life?

#### Get the Message:

The opening statement of this psalm, "The fool says in his heart, "There is no God"", defines the heart of wisdom as knowing God exists and understanding the implications of this fact. The foolish are not the uneducated or inexperienced, but those who deny the existence of God. The consequence of this denial is that the fool does not seek to know what God wants and is not motivated to live by that knowledge, so the psalmist says "they are corrupt, their deeds are vile". This is a wide-spread problem, as v1 concludes "there is no one who does good". When God looks on all mankind to see "if there are any who understand", anyone who seeks God, He sees only that "all have turned away". (The apostle Paul echoes this thought in Rom 3:23: "all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God".) This lack of understanding is shown in the rapacious behaviour of the evildoers (probably the powerful in the society), who God says "devour my people as though eating bread" and who "never call on the Lord". It seems that there are always those who prosper by exploiting others for their own gain. Such people may believe they have no obligations to their neighbours but, with prophetic insight, the psalmist can see the day when "they are, overwhelmed with dread." The reason for this dread is their realisation that "God is present in the company of the righteous" because God is the refuge of the poor. The Bible often links the poor with the righteous, not because there is virtue in being poor but because the poor are the first to turn to God. The psalm ends with the recognition that we cannot save ourselves and calls for God to send salvation; a salvation that comes from faith in Jesus (Rom 3:22)