

## 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

- 'Christmas in July' service will be held this 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 is on this morning

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

- 'August fellowship meeting' will be on Sat, 4th at 2 pm.

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# Lugar Brae Uniting Church

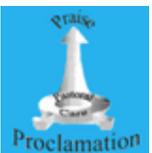


## Sunday 29th July 2018

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



[www.lugarbrae.unitingchurch.org.au](http://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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### Christian Quotes:

*'Learning to love is hard and we pay dearly for it. It takes hard work and a long apprenticeship, for it is not just for a moment we must learn to love, but forever.'*  
Fyodor Dostoevsky

## Service Schedule

### This week

*'Christmas in July'*

(July 29th): 9:30am

### Worship Service:

Rev. Kevin Kim

### Family Fun Church:

Ryan B./ David R.

### Bible Readers:

William L. / Barbara N.

### Bible Readings:

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

### Next Week

(August 5th): 9:30am

### Worship Service:

Rev. Kevin Kim

### Sunday School:

Ryan Buesnel

### Bible Readers:

Malcolm S. / Sarah J.

### Bible Readings:

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a, Psalm  
51:1-12, Ephesians 4:1-16,  
John 6:24-35

## BE PREPARED: PSALM 51

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

The ascription to Psalm 51 tells us this is a psalm of David, written in response to being confronted with his adultery with Bathsheba by Nathan. It is a psalm of individual lament which reveals David's contrition and his desire for restoration. The psalm highlights the need for God's grace in restoring the sinner to communion and joy.

**Read It:** Psalm 51:1-12

([www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+51](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+51))

How does David come to God after facing his sin? (vv1,2)

What important realisation has Nathan provoked in David? (vv3,4)

How deep seated is sin in the human heart? (v5) Why, and how, can God teach us wisdom, even in the womb? (v6)

What is the first thing David asks for in vv7-9?

What second thing does David asks for in vv10-12?

**Think About It:**

Without a "Nathan" to confront us, how can we know our sin?

What awaits the penitent who turns to God for forgiveness?

**Get the Message:**

David surely was aware his that dealings with Bathsheba and her husband were wrong, but it took Nathan's parable of injustice (2 Sam 12) to make him realise the true significance of what he had done. Faced with the enormity of his sin, David realises he can do nothing to earn forgiveness so his prayer is simply for God's mercy. Like David, we cannot earn forgiveness and must depend entirely on God's grace. The beginning of true repentance is a proper understanding of how far we are from righteousness. While it is in our human nature to try to justify our behaviour as right, in vv3,4 David admits that deep in his heart he knows of his sin and that God is justified in judging him to be unrighteous. David's confession is much more than just confessing an individual unrighteous act; he recognises that it is part of human nature to seek to please our own selfish desires rather than to live a life that loves God and follows His ways of justice and compassion. He expresses this by saying "surely I was sinful from birth". If we are fundamentally sinful, how can we know what is right? David's answer in v6 is that even before we are born God is working to reveal Himself to each of us, indirectly through creation and directly through the scriptures. With this understanding of sinfulness and grace, David asks God for two things: firstly, he asks to be made clean from past sins (vv7-9) – this is necessary for joy to be restored; and secondly he asks for a pure heart and willing spirit so he will not sin again. The heart that God restores will always know the joy of being in God's presence.