



**27 MARCH 2022**

## **Welcome to worship**

Welcome to church this morning, and a special welcome to Trish Rooney who will be leading worship and celebrating Holy Communion with us.

## **Lectionary Readings**

### **This week March 27, 2022:**

Joshua 5:9-12  
Psalm 32  
2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

### **Next Week April 3, 2022:**

Isaiah 43:16-21  
Psalm 126  
Philippians 3:4b-14  
John 12:1-8

## **Daylight Saving**

Don't forget that daylight saving ends next Saturday 2nd April, so put your clock back on Saturday night and enjoy the sleep in !

## **The Prodigal Son** **Luke 15:1-32**

It is the loving father of this parable who depicts the heart of the loving Heavenly Father, who longs for the return of the sinner, who willingly grants forgiveness, and who rejoices in the return of the wayward.

This father gave the son what he had asked for. He allowed the son to go his own way, even when he could have prevented it (at least he could have refused to finance the venture). The heart of that father never forgot the wayward son. It was no accident that the father saw the son coming "from a long way off" (v. 20).

The father ran to meet the son. He did not force the son to grovel. He did not even allow the son to finish his confession. The father quickly restored the son to his position as a son. The father commanded that there be a celebration. And when the older brother refused to participate, the father sought him out and appealed to him to join in the celebration, which he saw not only as permissible, but as necessary.

The father was as gracious to the older brother as he was to the younger. How great the love of this father. How much like our Heavenly Father he is.

Let us seek to enjoy our heavenly Father for who He is.

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