

## Deirdre prayers

Lord of light and darkness, in this holy place, dedicated to the blessed Virgin Mary, we find beauty, silence, music, words, poetry and many memories.

A place of worship is a place of poetry with the power of your word. You, Lord became flesh and dwelt amongst us, but we knew you not. You are the Story Teller, showing us that life is more than body, food or clothing.

You asked us to go and make disciples of all nations, but we do not listen when you speak to us in so many different ways.

We pray that we may hear you when you whisper to us, and that like Samuel we may reply – Speak Lord, your servant is listening.

Light of the world, open our eyes, our ears and our hearts, remembering that you are always with us, and will remain with us, even to the end, and after.

### **Lord, in your mercy – Hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we pray that you will continue to look on us all with love, as we continue to face this pandemic. Give strength to all those, however humble, who work tirelessly to give help and comfort to all those who are suffering, remembering especially the soul of Captain Tom Moore, who was a shining example to all. May he rest in peace, may his family feel the comfort of our thanks for his exemplary life, and may we follow in his footsteps.

### **Lord, in your mercy – Hear our prayer.**

King of Kings, we pray for our beloved Queen, for our Government and for all the Leaders throughout the world. We pray for all those suffering from war, famine and homelessness, loneliness and desperation, as mental health problems increase for so many. Today, we pray especially today for Leonard and Marion, as Leonard adjusts to life at Westcott house. Lord, give peace to this couple who have done so much for this church community

### **Lord, in your mercy – Hear our prayer.**

Loving Shepherd, hear us as we pray for our family and friends, and for all those who mourn. May we, with them, share in your eternal kingdom.

**Merciful Father,**

**Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**