

Nick's prayers

O Lord God Almighty, maker of all things, we give thanks for the life and achievements of Nick Hodson, beloved brother, father, grandfather, uncle, great uncle, cousin and friend, for his love of family and gift of friendship and the joy he brought to so many people, joy which we will all remember and treasure.

We thank you Lord for the faith you inspired in him and the many talents you bestowed upon him; for his great love of wide open spaces and the sea, where his free spirit could roam unhindered by the convention with which he sometimes struggled; for his loyalty, generosity and devotion to family, friends and other much loved institutions as his old school West Downs, the Mercers Company and at Shadwell; for his teaching skills and commitment, indoors and outdoors, as a mathematician, technologist and seafaring sailor and canoeist, both whether in schools, at work or at leisure; for his courage, determination, and example, particularly in bearing the burdens of declining health with unfailing humour as his life drew to a close.

We pray particularly today for Vicky, Olivia and Poppy, Driss and his family, and his long term companion Marc, that they may pass through grieving into healing and the remembrance of all the good things with which he blessed their lives.

And finally we pray for you, Nick, as you gently navigate your canoe in peace and happiness in the heavenly waters above. May your soul enjoy the rest it so greatly deserves and may we who are left behind cherish and learn in gratitude from your life amongst us, until it is our turn to join you.

We say together: God of mercy, entrusting into your hands all that you have made, and rejoicing in our communion with all your faithful people, we make our prayers through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen