

University is complete!

On Monday (15th July) I graduated and was able to celebrate with most of my family present. It marked the conclusion of three years studying Aircraft Maintenance Engineering at USW. I achieved a first-class degree and obtained all thirteen EASA/CAA Part 66 modules which includes both Gas Turbines and Aircraft Airframe, Systems, and Structures which I mentioned in my last newsletter. It was by no means easy and there were certainly peaks and troughs regarding motivation in some of the more challenging topics. Through no small amount of perseverance prayer and encouragement from many friends I was able to pass all the Part 66 modules and was one of four on my course to receive a 'certificate of excellence'. Overall, I've left not only with a degree and professional qualifications, but also with the knowledge and some practical experience to take me into the next stage of training.



On the left: Graduating on the same day as a friend (also called Matt) from the CU.
On the right: A great day celebrating with my family. (Just missing my lil' sister)



On the left: My Year
On the right: My Classmates

Modules	Status
M1 Mathematics	✓
M2 Physics	✓
M3 Electrical Fundamentals	✓
M4 Electronic Fundamentals	✓
M5 Electronic Instrument Systems (Avionics)	✓
M6 Materials and Hardware	✓
M7 Maintenance Practices	✓
M8 Basic Aerodynamics	✓
M9 Human Factors	✓
M10 Aviation Legislation	✓
M11 Aircraft Aerodynamics, Structures, and Systems	✓
M15 Gas Turbines	✓
M17 Propellers	✓

All modules complete!

Bittersweet Farewells

Through my university journey I have been blessed to be part of Temple Baptist Church. This church family welcomed me warmly and I quickly became part of church community. As Covid restrictions eased I was able to regularly attend the church life through mid-week house group meetings at the wonderful Davis family home as well as leading worship on Sunday services and being involved in church life in general. I have been very blessed by their encouragement towards the mission of MAF, and the church's willingness to support me in my training.

The community I found in Pontypridd really does feel like a family and I was dreading the day when I had to move on. Although I have now moved out of Treforest, I will, of course, be visiting and keeping in touch. I will also miss the community of the Christian Union, but I am confident that they will continue to share the Gospel faithfully on campus. The CU at Treforest was a real answer to prayer when I first started at university. Please pray that they will continue to be a light to those who are lost and a family to those who are seeking a faith community.



A housegroup walk in the Welsh countryside near Llanwonno

What have I learned?

A lot! I feel prepared to embrace the next chapter of practical learning with the knowledge I've gained of aircraft and the aviation industry over the last 3 years. My time at university has also been one of learning to see God's hand at work in my life in seemingly small but significant ways. I've been able to speak to many course mates and other students on campus about my faith and see a few come to Christ. This has been an inexpressible joy. Since I took the step to undertake the Engineering Training Scheme I've seen God provide for me in many ways; A loving and encouraging Church family, faith filled students in the Christian Union, excellent lecturers with years of experience, and the awesome Welsh Valleys..., to name just a few.

I think this is testament to providence, and a lesson that He is sovereign over all and will supply all our needs according to His riches.

What's next?

Although the University has concluded, the Engineering Training Scheme has not. As many of you know, the training required for me to obtain my license is a five-year course. This is due to the way the regulations according to UK CAA is set up. I have now completed the three year "theoretical" training in a 'Part 147' facility (USW) and next need to complete the minimum 2-year experience element at a 'Part 145' maintenance facility. This will ensure that the work I do during this time can be inspected and ticked off by appropriately qualified engineers. During this period, I will be expected to complete a wide range of tasks on live aircraft covering the required yet wide range of experience a Licensed Engineer must have. This is recorded in my personal logbook and presented to the UK CAA at the end of the 2-year period for inspection and hopefully, approval!

This full-time training will take place in Gloucestershire Airport with RGV aviation on September 2nd. I will be working in the same organisation as Ben Sibthorpe, a former MAF engineer who is now training manager at RGV. I was fortunate enough to meet Ben last Monday and to be shown around the hangar and facilities at RGV. They maintain a large variety of light/small private aircraft comprising a mix of Piston Engine and Turbo Props (mainly using Pratt and Whitney's PT6 variants). This is an ideal place to gain experience on aircraft similar to that which MAF operate on the mission field.

This is Gloucestershire Airport and RGV's hangars are located at the top left of the group of buildings at the top of the photo.



Praise Points

- For graduating University and leaving with all 13 Part 66 modules
- For providing a job in Gloucestershire Airport with RGV beginning September.
- For God's faithfulness and provision throughout the past 3 years.

Prayer Points

- For a smooth transition into the next stage of training with RGV.
- For living arrangements in Swindon.
- To make good use of my summer in rest and preparation for September.

Thank you!

Although University is over, the training continues, and your continued prayer and support is just as important now as it has been over the past three years.

Thank you to those who have been faithfully praying and supporting me – I am grateful.

If you would like to meet with me or contact me with any further questions please do feel free to reply to this email – I'd love to hear from you.

Giving

If you would like to give regularly to support me in my training then you can follow this link to my MAF bio page which will give you all the information you need. <https://www.maf-uk.org/veale>

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