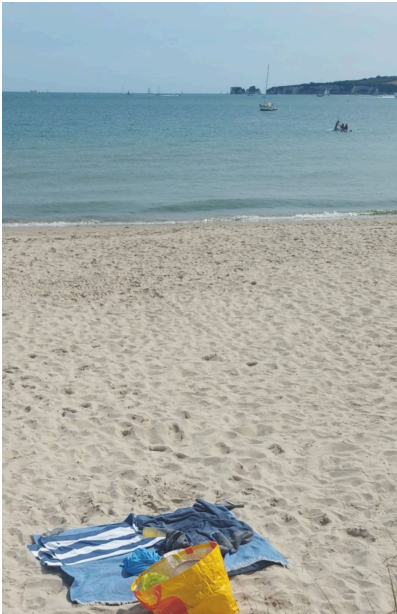


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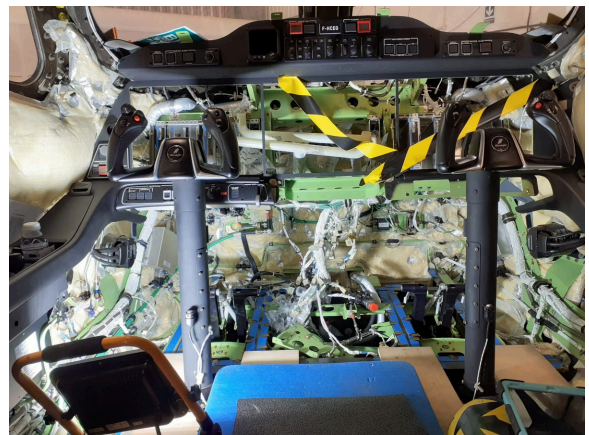


Studland Beach with Old Harry's Rocks

Training experience

Nathanael is continuing to gain experience. Particularly on one aircraft that is turning into quite a long-term project. He has now possibly removed and refitted over half the parts on the aircraft. It has been interesting to learn the systems of a particular aircraft type to such a great depth, though it has also tested his patience at times.

Another highlight this summer was the Bournemouth air show. As well as going to the beach to watch the displays over the sea, including an amazing night display, Nathanael got to help service some of the aircraft at the airport.



Jigsaw puzzle getting all the parts back in the aircraft.

How was the summer...

We enjoyed a lovely summer with visits from friends and family. We made many trips to the beach and the New Forest for walks. In September we visited Scotland, which was a lovely time to catch up with church family there; we are so encouraged by our ongoing partnership. We also managed a few mountain hikes, including walking up Glencoe to the sound of bagpipes. It was a really lovely break and we included stops to see friends halfway up the country on the journey there and back.

Our church in Bournemouth is celebrating its 40th birthday so we have had various fun events and heard many stories of God's faithfulness over that time.

And recently we had the pleasure of visiting a new partner church in Bedford, which was such a privilege and joy. We have also recently celebrated 3 years of marriage (time flies).

What is coming up short term...

We have a 'Rooted in Hope' women's teaching event at our church which Jo is helping to organise.

We will be in Norwich for 'Mission Sunday' at our church there on October 20th so look forward to seeing many friends.

We will be visiting our partner church in March, Cambridgeshire, on 17th November.

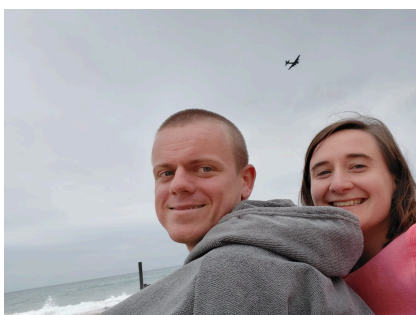
What is coming up long term...

At the end of April next year Nathanael will finally be able to apply for his Aircraft Maintenance licence.

During the summer we will start the preparations for going overseas.

In September we will go on the 'En Route' course at All Nations Bible College for 10 weeks.

Then in January 2026 we hope to head overseas.



(top left) Girls from TCF church, in Perth, out for a dessert night (top right) Hiking in Scotland

(bottom left) Bournemouth air show (bottom right) The New Forest with the heather out

Please pray

Pray for the women's teaching event at our church. Praise God for all the churches and people that partner with us and pray for us.

Pray for us to continue to trust God with all the details of the future.

Continue to pray for the work of MAF around the world, especially for recruitment for various staff vacancies so MAF can continue to reach the most isolated people around the world.

Thank you!

Thank you so much to everyone who has signed up to support us in prayer and financially! It has been such a huge encouragement to see how God has provided for our needs.

If you haven't already done so and you would like to set up a regular giving pledge to help fund my training and work with MAF we would be really grateful.

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