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## Happy Easter!

This Easter we hope that you marvel at the riches you have in Christ, which is what we have been encouraged by as we have been studying Ephesians at church.

Psalm 40v1-2: *"I waited patiently for the Lord, he turned to me and heard my cry, he lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire. He put my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand."* This is our church memory verse of the year and is a great reminder that whatever happens, God is there with us and through Jesus we have a firm place to stand. We look forward to spending Palm Sunday in Norwich at Holy Trinity, seeing Nathanael's family. We are also looking forward to Joanna's parents visiting us at Easter.

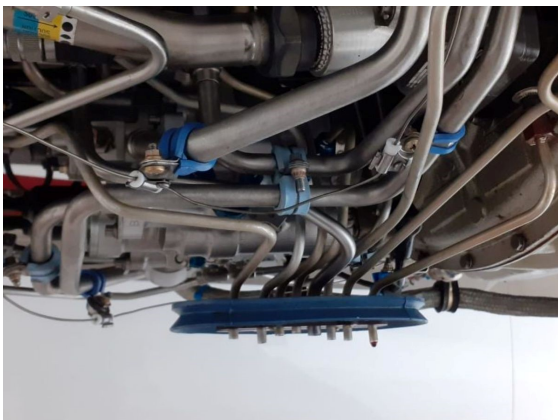
## Aeroplanes to be fixed

Nathanael's work continues to be busy, and he has got to do a variety of new tasks which he has really enjoyed. He recently became quite experienced on hydraulic pumps, being involved in troubleshooting faults in a hydraulic system and changing three pumps in two weeks.

He has also carried out a whole 900 hr interval service on an engine independently.

His work and colleagues are being helpful in trying to give him the tasks he needs to complete a varied logbook.

Right: Daffodils looking lovely at our church.



Can you spot what grounded the aircraft (L)? Nathanael fixing the problem (R).



A day's worth of tools for Nathanael.

## Wellie walks and more

Due to a wet start of the year a lot of our walks have been in our wellies, but we appreciated seeing the daffodils come out early and have also relished some of the spring sun. This year we continue to be grateful for our home and Nathanael has enjoyed doing some woodworking by making cabinets for our board games. Joanna continues to work from home and is busy automating more data processes. She is grateful for the proximity of the river for lunchtime walks. We praise God for a growing youth group at our church and Joanna is now involved in helping set up women's ministry there. We are thankful for our home group and the rest of our church family who support us and who we have fun with. We have enjoyed having visitors into our home. Slightly further afield, we have also explored the history in Portsmouth.



Winter walks: by our local river; in flood (Top), the Purbecks, Portsmouth and Old Harry Rocks



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**Please pray** Praise God for our church family at St Paul's Throop. Praise God that Nathanael has been gaining lots of good maintenance experience.

Pray we would grow in love and trust in God, as we remember the riches we have in Christ our Rock. Continue to pray for the work of MAF around the world, especially Haiti at this time of turmoil.

### **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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