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**EXTRACT FROM LETTER FROM
SISTER ANDREW**

Lebombo Diocesan House,
Lourenco Marques,
Mozambique.
October 31st, 1975.

My Dear Friends at Badsey,

I owe you all a very big APOLOGY. Please forgive me! You had invited me to come and tell you about our work out here at St. Monica's Hospital, Maciene. And to show my coloured slides, - this was to have been on Sunday, October 12th.

I had fixed this after correspondence with the Rev. Adrian Leak and Miss Sladden. It was all arranged perfectly; and I was really looking forward to it. I hope you were too. And they had gone to a lot of trouble to make sure that I would have the things I needed. It was a terrible shock to us all when suddenly everything had to be cancelled.

Suddenly on October the 6th I received a letter from one of my colleagues out here saying that the government of this Independent Mozambique had passed a new law. By this law all foreigners, residents in Mozambique, could only be away for 90 days. If they stayed away longer than that, they would automatically lose their status as residents. Well this was really a blow! My 90 days was up on October 11th.

So that was the reason for my sudden, one might almost say, precipitous, departure. And all the time I was rather afraid that I might have been already too late, as ninety days is less than three calendar months.

However, actually, I need not have had to worry about that, as, when it came to the time, the African official at the frontier was extremely pleasant, and said.

"Oh, Yes. That is all right, it is more or less than the ninety days, isn't it?" and stamped my passport. A great relief.

But I am still very sad that I had to leave my family in such a hurry, and didn't see you, and others, who have helped us so much in the past.

[The rest of this letter will appear in our next number - Editor.]

**VICAR'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL
Riding for the Disabled**

This year I am appealing on behalf of the 'Riding for the Disabled' organisation. This is a voluntary society which tries to give, through horse riding, mobility and enjoyment to those whose lives are restricted by physical disability. With the help of Riding Schools and enthusiastic volunteers, special courses and holidays are arranged for children and adults with spastic, spina bifida, muscular dystrophe and other conditions. The aim is not to provide a kind of physiotherapy, though in some cases that might be one of the effects of riding. The aim is to open up a new horizon of experience to those who have to spend much of their lives in a wheel-chair. (Take, for example, the teenager who never walked, and who found that on horseback he was able to climb Breton Hill and for the first time in his life feel the exhilaration of being 'on top of the world'). Like all charitable organisations 'Riding for the Disabled' is feeling the effects of inflation, and is especially vulnerable to the meteoric rise in the cost of feed and straw. I appeal to your generosity... please put your donation in the envelope provided, and hand it in at Church or the Vicarage.

Christmas Message from Mrs. W. B. Chapman

Mrs. Chapman and Angela send loving Christmas greetings to their many friends in Badsey and Wickhamford. They are grateful to the Vicar for allowing them this means of communication.

Parish Magazine Officer

For some years Mrs. Sears has done a splendid job managing the business of the Parish Review, and getting the copies to the distributors in Badsey and Aldington. She would now like to be relieved of this work. As she takes a well deserved rest from the Review she can be assured of our gratitude for the efficient way in which she has handled it. But now we must find a successor! If anyone would like to take on this important job please will he/she or they not hesitate in volunteering. The job does not entail editing, proof-reading or collecting from the Printer, nor does it mean distributing door to door (we have an army of distributors)... but it does entail all the business aspects of producing a Review.

**BADSEY, ALDINGTON, BLACKMINSTER AND
BOWERS HILL NOTES**

Church Services in December

- 3 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 7 Advent 2. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.
- 10 Wed. 10-0 H.C.
- 14 Advent 3. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 H.C.; 6-30 Evensong.
- 17 Wed. 10-0 H.C. (Ember Day).
- 21 St. Thomas. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 H.C.; 6-30 Carol Service.
- 24 Christmas Eve. 11-30 p.m. Midnight Mass.
- 25 Christmas Day. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Service; 11-30 H.C. (said).
- 28 Holy Innocents. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Mattins (said); 6-30 Evensong.
- 31 Wed. No Service.

January

- 4 Christmas 2. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.

Confession: The Vicar will hear confession and administer the Sacrament of Absolution after Evensong on Christmas Eve (6-30) or by appointment.

Holy Baptism

On November 16th:
Dean Marshall, Stephen Edmondson, Ashley Hartwell.

Donations

£1 from the Cub Scouts Charity Fund; £3 from Mrs. E. Stewart in memory of her late husband, Albert Wilson Stewart; £50 from the funds of the Pig Club; £2 from Miss English and Miss Perkin.

For these gifts the Vicar and P.C.C. are most grateful.

Confirmation Party

On November 1st a party was given by Mick Graham and Cathy Orford for those who had recently been confirmed and their friends. A very pleasant evening was spent, with delicious refreshments and a variety of games calling upon our intellectual and athletic skills. Many thanks to our host and hostess.

Church Cleaning

Mrs. Betteridge has had to give this up for reasons of health. We are most grateful to her for doing such a good job, and for keeping the Church so spick and span. We welcome Mrs. Phillips, of St. James Close, who has kindly agreed to take over.

Servers' Rota - December

- 7 8-0 S. Gresty; 10-45 Paul Brazier (S), S. Dore (C); 6-30 A. Betteridge.
14 8-0 A. Betteridge; 10-45 A. Watkin; 6-30 M. Clements.
21 8-0 G. Toney; 10-45 T. Knight (S), A. Betteridge (C); 6-30 C. Watkin.
24 11-30 p.m. A. Owen (S), D. Barrand (C).
28 8-0 N. Bell.

January

- 4 8-0 P. Gresty; 10-45 S. Dore (S), P. Brazier (C); 6-30 T. Knight.

War Memorial Rota - December

7th, Mrs. N. Cook; 14th, Mrs. K. Cole; 24th, Mrs. H. Hatcher.

Carol Singing Round the Village

A party of Carol Singers will be singing and collecting for Charity on Tuesday, December 23rd, starting from the Church at 7-30 p.m. Any adult volunteers will be welcome, and children with strong voices.

Mothers' Union Notes

Wednesday, 3rd: 10-0 Corporate Communion.

Tuesday, 9th: 2-30 Branch Meeting; Speaker: Miss R. Davies "Welfare Work among the Aged".

There will be no Evening Meeting this month and I wish all members a peaceful and happy Christmas.

J.B.

Sixty Plus Club

Wednesday, December 17th, 2-30 in the Royal British Legion Club. 'A Christmas Afternoon, with Entertainment'.

Women's Institute

December 10th: A.G.M., V.C.O.

Social Time: Carols by Candlelight.

Competition: Prettiest Parcel.

Collection for Durcott Lodge.

Badsey Young Wives

December 1st - CHRISTMAS FAIR - Admission 10p. in aid of a Local Charity, all very welcome.

December 15th - CAROL SERVICE.

Inside the Chancel

Although I have not contributed anything to these columns for the past 2 or 3 months it does not mean that our Choir has come to standstill. In fact the numbers of the girls are on a steady increase but I am afraid it is rather the reverse with the boys. Several of the older boys voices are now "on the change" and it is for this reason we have one or two gaps in the choir stalls. I am however confident this is only temporary and that before long those gaps will be filled. We could do with more men as the foundation notes of the basses and tenors do at times prove to be on the thin side.

Ladies' voices are always welcome. What about it ladies! Why not join us in the Chancel? If you feel shy at being

seen, there will be no need for you to walk in procession with the rest of the choir.

I am hoping to have some proper places built in the Choir Vestry so that the robes can be kept clean and tidy. The present method of hanging them on coat hangers is rather primitive.

The Choir will no doubt be around assisting with carol singing around the village at Christmas.

R.W.K.

Chrysalis Club

All members join in expressing our appreciation for the donation to our club funds following the bonfire and fireworks display on Guy Fawkes night. Our grateful thanks to the Stewarts and all those who assisted in making the evening a success.

We would also like to thank Mrs. Hartwell for the gift of the dart board which is giving immense pleasure.

The winter months and dark nights rather restrict our activities but we are most comfortable in our new meeting place and manage to play table tennis, darts and billiards very successfully and with ever increasing proficiency.

A series of quizzes has been arranged for the next few weeks with the prize for the winning pair being a visit to the Peters and Lee Show at Stratford on January 9th.

Our Halloween Party was a great success mainly due to the efforts of the club members themselves. The girls prepared and served all the food whilst the boys organised various competitions and games for which they provided prizes.

Last, but by no means least, we welcome Kathleen Orford to our midst. Kathleen, a newcomer to the village, is a teacher at Littleton and now assists in running the club, and yours truly in particular is most grateful for her help, as we do have a large proportion of girl members.

S.H.E.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

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14 Advent 3. 3-0 Evensong.
21 Advent 4. 3-0 Carol Service.
25 Christmas. 9-30 Family Eucharist.
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January

- 4 Christmas 2. 9-30 Holy Communion (said).

Servers' Rota

Dec. 7th, J. Simmonds; Dec. 25th, T. Mobley; Jan. 4th, D. Carter; Jan. 18th, S. Noyes.

Please Note: that on December 21st the 9-30 Eucharist will be replaced by the Carol Service at 3-0.

Donations

£1 from Mrs. Rushbrook in memory of her late husband. £1 from Mr. Nott in thanksgiving for his birthday anniversary.

Confirmation

On October 19th, at All Saints', Evesham, the following were confirmed by the Bishop of Worcester: Albert Parker, Arnold Habbits, Timothy Mobley, Nigel Ford, Colin Carter, Julie Simmonds, Sally Mobley, Lynne Winkett. We congratulate them and welcome them as fellow members of the Body of Christ.

Funeral

On November 12th at Cheltenham:
William James Hodges, aged 68 years.

Jim Hodges had been until his recent retirement a Master Baker for many years in Evesham. He married Phyllis Colley of Wickhamford, and he and his wife lived for seventeen years at 10, Manor Road (which used to be the Post Office and Stores), before moving to 42, Drysdale Close. Although he had had a serious operation two years ago, he had made a good recovery, and recently had been doing well. We send our deepest sympathy to his widow in her sudden bereavement.

Church Re-decoration

On October 25th a party of volunteers set to work with paint brushes and cobweb brooms to refurbish the interior of the Church. Work including repainting the base of the Sandys Memorial, painting the new plaster on the walls at the back and in the vestry, and removing some of the more inaccessible cobwebs.

Coffee Morning

This was held on November 8th for Church funds, and was a great success, financially and otherwise. Many thanks to all who helped and all who came. Profit: £75 approximately.

Morning Market for Play-Corner Fund

December 6th, 10 to 12 noon, in the Memorial Hall. Admission free. Stalls: cake, plants, odd china, fruit and vegetable. Tombola.

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Wickhamford Women's Institute

At the Annual Meeting on November 13th the committee was elected for 1976. From that committee were elected Mrs. J. Hustler (President), Mrs. T. Shannon-Garvey (Secretary), and Mrs. T. Roberts (Treasurer).

The Annual Report for 1975 was read by Mrs. J. Coveney (Retiring Secretary) and the President's Address by Mrs. T. Shannon-Garvey (Retiring President). Mrs. J. Roberts gave the Financial Statement for the past year. Before the voting took place Mrs. Mace (V.C.O.) gave a short talk entitled "Now and Then". She told members that the W.I. Movement is now in its Diamond Jubilee year and compared 1975 with 1915.

Names were taken for the Christmas Party to be held at the Park View Hotel, on 21st January, 1976. Mrs. T. Shannon-Garvey gave a reminder that it will be "Members' Night" in December and also asked members to bring small gifts for patients in Powick to the December meeting.

The "Best Flower from my Garden" Competition was won by Mrs. P. Hancock (Honeysuckle), Mrs. K. Harman (Tobacco plant) and Mrs. J. Coveney (Rose).

Refreshments were served by Mesdames P. Hancock, P. Clinton, A. Mitchell and J. Tweeney.

The new committee will be: Mesdames Evans, Cook, Shannon-Garvey, Hancock, Hustler, Litterick, Morris, Nailor and Roberts.

P. Hancock (Press Secretary).

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