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<b>8</b>	<b>Parish News</b> Alpha Course is starting at St Mary's and leaflets will be available on Sunday. Please invite anyone you know who may be interested.			
<b>9</b>	<b>Finance Report</b> A "Statement of Financial Activity" to 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2013 (attached) was presented by Ian Hodgson, who was thanked for taking on the Finance Officer's position.			
<b>10</b>	<b>Payment to Ros as Verger</b> General feeling was that people wanted to discuss this face to face and due to time constraints, a meeting was arranged for Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September after the service of Morning Prayer.			
<b>11</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b> John Davis reported that a Church Directory had now been compiled and that he and Hannah were thanked for their hard work. Wendy would keep a copy in the office and any amendments should be reported to her.  It was agreed that the Church would finance the new flower pedestal which Sylvia had purchased.			
<b>12</b>	<b>Dates of Next Meetings</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> November			

### Minutes accepted by:

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**Team Vicar**

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**DCC Chair**

Date: .....