

MEMORANDUM

October 2015

To all members of the General Synod

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION IN LONDON

In London you will find an extensive range of accommodation on offer, varying widely in quality, convenience, cleanliness and cost. In general, accommodation in the capital is expensive, **although booking ahead in good time can almost always help you secure significant discounts**. In any case, you should always check with your diocese (or other constituency) *in advance* about the expense allowances that apply to you. The National Church Institutions recommended overnight allowance for Inner London in 2015/16 is £131.

The most convenient areas of London for Church House are Westminster, Victoria and Waterloo. If you are travelling into London from the north, you might also like to consider the Euston-Kings Cross area because of its proximity to the north-serving mainline railway stations and quick underground transport links to Westminster and Victoria. Please consult the tube map attached.

To help new members orientate themselves, the Synod Office have attached a list of nearby hotels. It must be stressed that **inclusion on this list in no way constitutes a recommendation of any kind**, and none of the hotels mentioned have been vetted by Synod staff. However, many of these places have been used by Synod members in previous years. You can both search for, and book, accommodation at the visit London website (www.visitlondon.com).

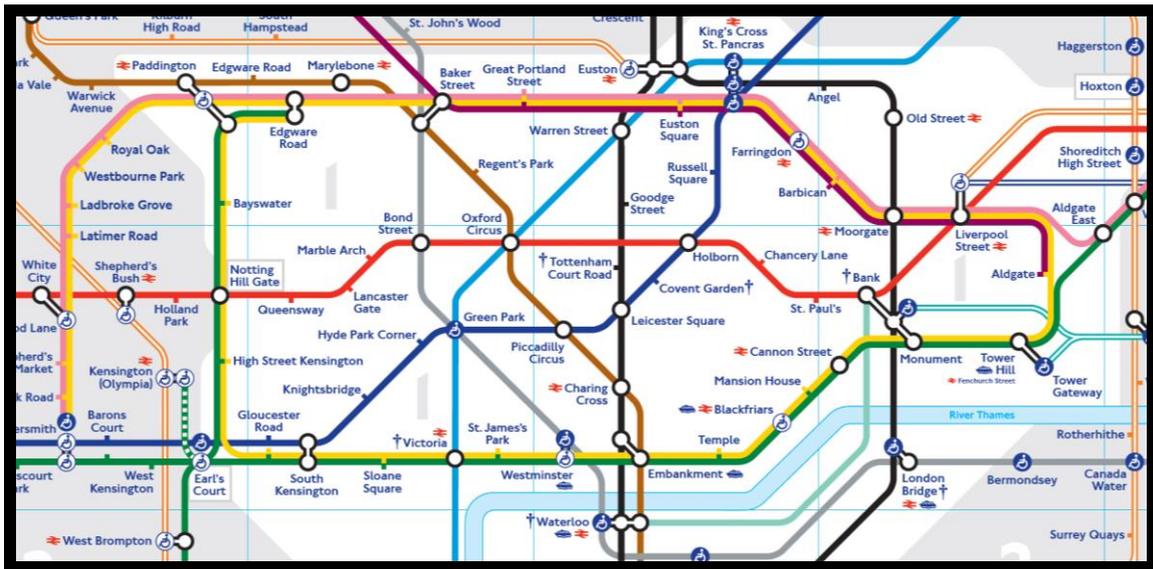
TRAVEL IN CENTRAL LONDON

London has an extensive and well integrated public transport system which serves all parts of the capital. The London Underground is fast and conveniently connects Church House with most areas in the centre. The closest stations are St James Park, Westminster and Victoria. The comprehensive bus network complements the Tube well, although it is arguably not always the fastest option.

If you are unfamiliar with London transport, while you can purchase paper tickets and travelcards for the over/underground lines and buses, these can be very expensive. The most cost effective and easiest way is to use a contactless credit or debit card, unless of course, you do not have one. In the latter case, you can purchase an oyster card at any convenience store with the logo (below) and simply 'top-up' and 'pay as you go'. The Oystercard does have an initial refundable deposit of £5, but is very much worth it as the savings in journey prices can be significant. They also have a daily (oyster and contactless) and weekly fare cap (contactless only). Importantly, no cash is accepted on any London buses. For route planning, Oyster card information and for regular service updates, you'll find the Transport for London website an invaluable resource (www.tfl.gov.uk)

I hope you find this information helpful and I look forward to meeting you in London at the inaugural group of sessions.

Tube Map (Zone 1) <https://tfl.gov.uk/maps/track/tube>



Find everything you need about Oyster cards here:

<https://tfl.gov.uk/fares-and-payments/oyster?cid=oyster>

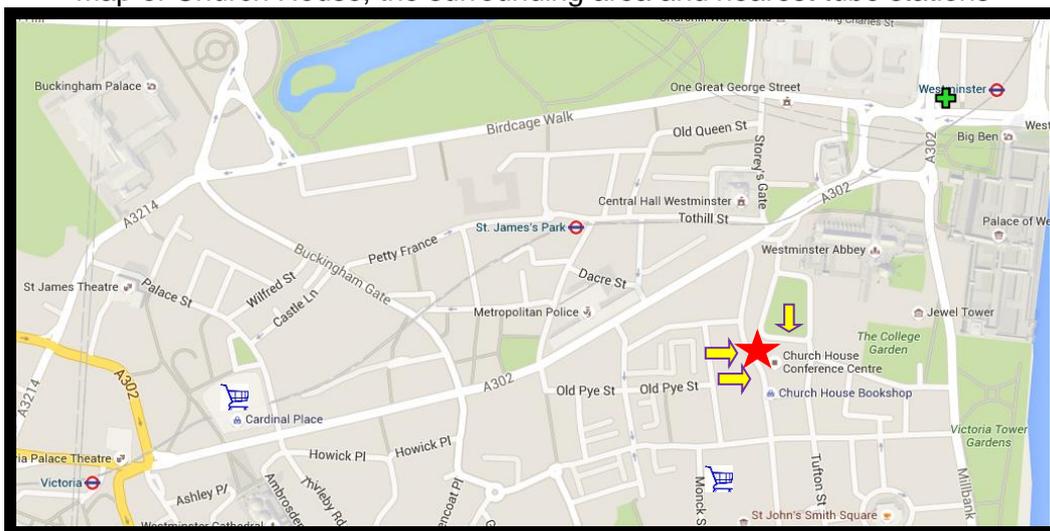


And about contactless payment here:

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Map of Church House, the surrounding area and nearest tube stations



Church House ★ entrances from North Door, South Door and Deans Yard →

The nearest Pharmacy is the Boots next to Westminster Tube Station. +

The nearest Supermarkets are Tescos (Monck Street) and M&S (Cardinal Place) 🛒

Shops can be found along Victoria Street (A302)

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION NEAR TO CHURCH HOUSE (30 Minutes walking distance)

- **The Sidney Hotel**
020 7834 2738
68-79 Belgrave Road, London SW1V 2BP (near Victoria Station)
www.sidneyhotel.com
- **The Wellington Hotel**
www.the-wellington.co.uk
020 7233 7888
71 Vincent Square, London, SW1P 2PA
- **Days Hotel**
www.daysinn.co.uk
Days Hotel Kennington: 54 Kennington Road, London SE1 7BJ
Westminster: 80-86 Belgrave Road, London
Other Days Inn Hotels
Hyde Park: 148-152 Sussex Gardens, London - 020 7723 2939
- **Travelodge**
www.travelodge.co.uk
0871 984 6291
Waterloo: 195 -203 Waterloo Road, London, SE1 8UX
- **Tune Hotels Westminster**
www.tunehotels.com/uk
118-120 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7RW (Lambeth North tube)
- **Premier Inns**
www.premierinn.com
0333 003 0025
County Hall: Belvedere Road, London SE1 7PB (near Waterloo)
(Although this has been popular favourite with previous Synod members, current rates for the November Synod exceed the NCI recommended allowances by a considerable margin. Check with your diocese before booking).
Other Premier Inn hotels
London Kensington: 11 Knaresborough Place, London, SW5 0TJ
London Victoria: 82-83 Eccleston Square, Off 55 Gillingham Street,
London Victoria SW1V 1PS
- **The Royal Foundation of St Katharine**
www.stkatharine.org.uk
0300 111 1147
2 Butcher Row, London, E14 8DS
- **Methodist International Centre**
www.micentre.com
020 7380 0001
Hotel and Conference Centre
81-103 Euston Street, London, NW1 2EZ
- **St Peter's Bourne**
www.stpetersbourne.com
020 8445 5535
Christian Education & Spirituality Centre
40 Oakleigh Park South, Whetstone, London, N20 9JN