General Synod Expense Allowance 2015/16 (valid from 6 April 2015)

Subsistence Allowance	
Breakfast (if journey started before normal daily departure time and no later	£6.55
than 6.30am)	
Lunch (additional cost over and above normal lunch costs)	£5.45
Dinner Allowance (if staying away from home or not returning before 10pm)	£19.15
Incidental Subsistence Expenses	
In addition to the subsistence allowances referred to above you may additionally	£5.00 per day
claim for incidental expenditure on refreshments such as tea, coffee, water etc	
Overnight Allowance inc breakfast	
Inner London	£131.00
Elsewhere	£109.00
Incidental Overnight Expenses	
In addition to the overnight allowances referred to above you may additionally	£5.00 per night
claim for incidental expenses of a personal nature such as newspapers, laundry	
and private phone calls	

The allowances are not a fixed sum but a maximum amount up to which a claimant can seek reimbursement of his/her actual costs.

Mileage Allowances

The tax free rates for cars and cycles set by HMRC are as follows:

Cars	
On the first 10,000 miles in the tax year	45p per mile
On each additional mile over 10,000 miles	25p per mile
Motorcycles	24p per mile
Bicycles	20p per mile

Passengers

To encourage car sharing, the diocese will pay you an additional amount of 5 pence per mile (tax free) for each synod attendee that travels with you in your car.

Congestion Charge

The congestion charge will be an allowable expense where the use of a car within the zone is unavoidable (regardless of which mileage rate is claimed). However surcharges and penalty charges imposed will not be allowable.

All expenses claims except mileage claims MUST be supported by appropriate receipts or other documentation attached to the claim form.