

Sound Church's Alcohol Policy



Purpose: To ensure that Sound Church events are conducted in a safe, respectful, and responsible manner, this policy outlines the guidelines for the use and consumption of alcohol during church events in compliance with UK laws and regulations.

1. General Principles

- Alcohol consumption at church events should be managed responsibly and with consideration for the church's values and mission.
- The safety and well-being of all participants is a primary concern.

2. Types of Events

- **Church Events:** Alcohol may be served only if explicitly permitted by the church leadership.
- **Church Meetings/Ministries:** Alcohol is generally not permitted unless pre-approved for specific occasions.

3. Approval and Planning

- Any event where alcohol will be served must be approved in advance by the church leadership.
- The event organizer must provide details about the type and amount of alcohol to be served, the serving procedures, and measures to ensure responsible consumption.

4. Serving Alcohol

- If alcohol is served, it must comply with the Licensing Act 2003 and other relevant legislation. This may include obtaining a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) if the event is held outside of regular licensing hours or involves selling alcohol.
- Where applicable, Alcohol should be served by a responsible person, and non-alcoholic beverages should also be available.

5. Responsible Consumption

- Guests are expected to consume alcohol responsibly. The church reserves the right to address any issues related to intoxication or inappropriate behaviour.
- Arrangements should be made to ensure that guests have a safe means of transport home if they have consumed alcohol.

6. Minors and Alcohol

- Alcohol must not be served to or consumed by individuals under the legal drinking age of 18.
- Event organizers must ensure that minors are not present in areas where alcohol is being served, unless otherwise approved.

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7. Liability

- The church is not liable for any incidents resulting from the consumption of alcohol. Event organizers are responsible for ensuring compliance with this policy and all relevant laws.

8. Policy Violations

- Violations of this policy may result in the suspension of alcohol service at future events or other actions as determined by church leadership.

9. Review and Amendments

- This policy will be reviewed annually and may be amended to remain effective and aligned with church values and legal requirements.

This policy aligns with UK regulations and ensures that alcohol consumption at church events is handled responsibly while promoting safety and compliance with the law.

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