



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Drug and Alcohol Policy Holy Trinity Church Geneva

The purpose of this document is to explain HTC's policy on the use of alcohol and the taking of drugs whilst in the church, on church related business or taking part in any church related activity.

ALCOHOL: The Biblical teaching about alcohol is limited. The Bible is clear that drunkenness is to be avoided but gives no definite indication about the moderate use of alcohol. HTC does not call for abstinence (in the case of alcohol) but recognises the effect consistent drinking and/or the taking of illegal substances can have on an individual's relationship with God, their health, work and personal relationships.

We respect an individual's right to drink alcohol in a sociable and measured way, whilst staying within one's own limits, the confines of the law and being able to conduct oneself in a positive and worthy manner. However the following stipulations do apply:

- Alcoholic drinks will only be allowed at events if permission agreed beforehand with the chaplain or Churchwardens.
- As standard practice, we would encourage the use of a wide range of attractive alcohol-free alternatives.
- Anyone looking after young people and / or children on behalf of HTC must not drink alcohol whilst on duty, take young people or children to an establishment whose sole purpose is to sell alcohol, buy alcohol for young people, or encourage the consumption of alcohol
- Our policy is not to serve alcohol to anyone under 16

DRUGS: The use of illegal substances, 'Party Drugs', 'Legal Highs', solvents and the misuse of prescription drugs are not permitted.

SUPPORT: In addition to the above, HTC are committed to providing support and pastoral care to those directly or indirectly affected by the use of illegal

substances and alcohol abuse. Therefore we will foster relationships with specialist support organisations outside of the church and ensure relevant information is readily available.