



Rutherglen United Reformed Church

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Alcohol Policy

This policy permits the restricted use of wine on the premises of Rutherglen United Reformed Church. It is in addition to all other conditions of let and documents related to same.

(a) Wine:

- i. Groups / hall users can only seek permission to serve and consume (non-fortified) wine on the premises. No other alcoholic beverages are permitted to be served or consumed on the premises.
- ii. Permission should be sought from the Church Trustees by submitting a letter/email of request to the Church Secretary or to the Halls Convenor at least fourteen days in advance of the event.

(b) Permission of Trustees:

- i. The permission of the Trustees must be sought on each and every occasion that a group / hall user wishes to provide wine at a function held on the church premises. The decision of the Trustees is final.
- ii) The exception to 'b.i.' above is that the Trustees can grant 'rolling permission' to specific groups and organisations within Rutherglen URC thereby enabling them to provide wine at any functions they so wish. The Trustees can rescind this permission at any time.
- iii. In granting permission, the Trustees can if they so wish limit the amount of wine that any group / hall user is permitted to serve to individuals at any function.
- iv. If circumstances prevent the Trustees meeting in order to discuss a request by a group / hall user to provide wine at a function then the Church President is empowered to give or refuse permission as they see fit.

(c) Responsibilities of those given permission to provide wine at a function:

- i. Those organising the event should exercise common sense as to the quantity of wine being served and should not encourage or facilitate excessive drinking.
- ii. No one under the age of eighteen is to be served wine.

- iii. No charge can be made for wine – either directly or through the ‘ticket price’ of the function or the seeking of monetary donations in lieu of wine. Any wine being served must, therefore, be donated by either the ‘host’ of the event or by those attending the event. To do otherwise would contravene the Licensing laws of Scotland.
- iv. All alcohol brought to a function by participants must be handed to the organisers prior to the start of the function. Any participant found abusing this clause should be asked to vacate the premises.
- v. At any function where wine is being served the organisers must also provide a non-alcoholic alternative.
- vi. The organisers must name a responsible adult for each function who will remain under the Drink Driving Limit set by Scots Law

(d) Abuse of alcohol:

- i. If any Trustee, or the responsible adult, deems that the provision of wine is resulting in unruly or anti-social behaviour they are empowered to instruct any group / hall user to vacate the premises with immediate effect. The Trustees reserve the right to contact the Police to report such incidents.
- ii. If the Trustees deem that a group / hall user has abused the permission given to them to serve wine they are empowered to terminate any agreement regarding the use of the halls which the church has with that group / hall user should they so decide.

(e) Raffles, Tombolas, etc:

It is permissible to have alcohol as a prize in a raffle, tombola, competition etc.

- i. No such prize can be given to someone under the age of 18.
- ii. No such prize can be drunk on the premises.
- iii. The Trustees can at any time decide to refuse permission to any group to have alcohol as a prize.

This policy was adopted by the Church Meeting held on Sunday 14th May 2017

Signed by Rhona Robertson President

This policy should be reviewed before the end of 2019.