

St Andrew's Episcopal Church, Encinitas, CA Alcohol Policy

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The following policy applies to all occasions where alcoholic beverages may be offered on church premises. Functions hosted by parishioners at their home or any other location away from St. Andrew's property are exempt. This policy is applicable diocesan-wide in all parishes, missions, institutions or communities

All applicable federal, state, and local laws are to be obeyed. Under no circumstances may minors consume, sell, or distribute alcoholic beverages. Distributing alcoholic beverages to those who are intoxicated is prohibited.

No event on church property will include alcohol without first consulting with and receiving the consent of the priest in charge of the congregation or his/her designee. The priest in charge and Vestry of the congregation are responsible for ensuring that this policy is disseminated and observed.

Whenever alcoholic beverages are served in any form (including wine, beer and spiked punch), non-alcoholic alternatives shall always be offered in ample quantity with equal or better accessibility and attractiveness to those beverages containing alcohol. No embarrassment, discomfort or inconvenience should ever be experienced by those who prefer not to have alcohol.

At all functions, both official and social, where any beverage is to be served, strong consideration shall be given to refraining from serving or making available any alcoholic beverages.

If alcoholic beverages are offered:

1. They are not to be promoted in any way which might imply any kind of ecclesiastical or social requirement to partake of them.
2. They are not to be advertised in any form of publicity or printed matter, i.e. flyers and/or posters should say "food and beverages" rather than "food and wine."
3. They are not to be served until after the business portion of the function has been completed.
4. Responsible adults are to be in control of the serving of alcoholic beverages. Drunkenness is inappropriate and unacceptable at, or prior to, church events.
5. Alcoholic beverages and food containing alcohol must be clearly labeled as such.
6. Alcoholic beverages stored on church premises are in locked storage, so that they are not accessible to unsupervised minors.
7. Alcoholic beverages are not to be consumed by adult chaperones who accompany minors off church property on a parish-related activity
8. There will be no consumption of alcoholic beverages during the preparation for any outreach activity.

A non-church affiliated group or organization sponsoring an activity or event at which alcoholic beverages are served must assume responsibility for those people who might become intoxicated; such responsibility includes providing alternative transportation for anyone whose driving might be impaired.