



POLICY ON DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE ON CHURCH PREMISES



Parish of Holy Trinity with St Columba, Fareham

The Parish of Holy Trinity with St Columba, Fareham agreed at the PCC meeting on Wednesday 24th March 2021 that this PCC:

1. Is committed to fairness and equal opportunities for all members of the community.
2. Recognises that the possession of drugs such as cannabis etc., other than prescribed by an authorised practitioner, is illegal and contrary to the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971.
3. Accepts that, as members of this PCC, we are committed to sanctioning only lawful and prudent use of any drugs or alcoholic beverage.
4. Recognises that those who use illegal drugs and illicitly use legal drugs are in violation of the law.
5. Agrees that our first priority must always be to protect church members and those who legitimately use or visit church premises, and to uphold the image and good standing of this church; and acknowledges that, where necessary, this may mean involving the Police.
6. Accepts that, as representatives of a practising Christian community, this PCC is actively committed to supporting individuals who are aiming to remain, or become, free from alcohol or drug dependence.
7. Understands that resources are available for individuals who may be concerned about their own alcohol or illicit substance misuse and will provide details of these as appropriate.

Agreed and paper copy signed August 2021