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Dear Neighbour,

**St Mark's Church of Scotland - Chance to Thrive  
Invitation to our Community Consultation on 14th June 2016.**

During the past three years the congregation of St Mark's Parish Church, Raploch, Stirling, have been involved in a Church of Scotland supported project entitled "Chance to Thrive", assessed and funded by the Carnegie UK Trust, the Baird Trust and the Bellahouston Bequest.

Along with changes in our approach to worship we have seen the emergence of a number of new community-focussed activities including a Fruit Barra (non-profit making fruit and vegetable movement), an Eyewitness Group (more than a social history group), a small Youth Group, a local Shared Spaces group, St Mark's @ Sainsbury's as well as other Church-based initiatives.

Having developed these initiatives we are now at the stage of considering the future of our buildings and over the past six months have been engaged in a future-use study with the help of a well-known architectural company, **Page \ Park Limited**.

Before Page \ Park delivers their final submission, we are very keen to hold a **Community Consultation**. We are therefore delighted to invite you along to a

**Community Consultation  
on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2016.**

This will take place over two sessions on the day -  
(4 pm to 5.30 pm) and (7 pm to 9 pm).

You are warmly invited to come to either of these sessions to be held in the Church halls building on Menzies Drive (behind the Church on Drip Road).

There will also be the opportunity for those present to take part in an (optional) workshop where we can explore how we might mutually help one another in serving the community of Raploch. Representatives from Page and Park will be present as well as members of the congregation's Chance to Thrive working group.

It would be helpful to know if you're able to join us - if you can please reply using the email address - [info@stmarksstirling.org.uk](mailto:info@stmarksstirling.org.uk) or other contact details below.

We look forward to yourself or a representative joining us for what we are sure will be a fascinating event.

Yours sincerely,

*Stuart Davidson* & Chance to Thrive local team.

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