

## **Coffee and chat**

As part of our continuing efforts to help everyone feel that they are still part of a larger community, we have been investigating how best to create 'virtual' or online meetings for groups of church members. Many of us will be used to using things like Skype or Facetime for one-to-one video calls, and we think we've found a way of doing something similar but with larger groups.

So the idea is for us to set up a regular slot: 11.00 – 11.30 (ie coffee time!) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. People who want to take part will need to sign up via email, after which they will receive an email with an invitation to a 'meeting'. At the allotted time, they will be able to join the meeting, and be able to see and chat with whoever else is there.

We have tried this out with a small group, and it seems to work quite well – but we recognise that we shall need to build the numbers up slowly to avoid being swamped on the first day!! So – if you think you would like to try this 'virtual coffee and chat' group, please email [coffee.chat@unitedchurchdorchester.org.uk](mailto:coffee.chat@unitedchurchdorchester.org.uk). We will reply to everyone, confirming which day or days you will be able to join the session, and hopefully make sure that everyone can join in quite quickly.

Technically, all you need is an email account and a computer or tablet with a microphone and a camera (most modern machines have these built in). If you are feeling a little uncertain, but still want to give it a try – just email [coffee.chat@unitedchurchdorchester.org.uk](mailto:coffee.chat@unitedchurchdorchester.org.uk) to let us know, and we'll offer you a phone call to talk through the process of logging in and how to be part of the meeting as it progresses.