

## West Camel Church

West Camel and the surrounding hamlets comprise a population of about 450 of which about 30 are of school age. The majority of adults are retired, whilst a small number are employed in farming and a significant number work in the surrounding towns.



The village has a modern and well appointed hall which hosts a variety of activities on most days.



The Church is a Grade 1 listed building dating back to 1100AD. In 2006, concurrent with some routine maintenance, alterations were carried out whereby a gallery was built at the West end (for the organ and choir) and a cloakroom, simple kitchen and serving hatch installed. Although our weekly congregation numbers are small, the Church hosts a number concerts and coffee mornings, as well as an annual fete and all are well supported by the villagers. Consequently the latest set of accounts, 2018, shows an encouraging surplus of income over expenditure. However, the latest quinquennial report was received in the Spring of this year (2019) and requires steady expenditure over the next five years.



Over the past 2 years the church building has welcomed the Methodist Community in a very successful Church Share. In addition to a once monthly ecumenical service the community has introduced joint services on the village green for Good Friday and Carols at Christmas, both of which are well supported.