

It is thought that there has been a church on this site since around 1100.

In the past:

1911: The *Victorian History of Surrey* recorded 'one or two yews of some antiquity.....the largest measures about 23' at 4' from the ground'.

1936: In *The King's England* series Mee noted 'a great yew now breaking up with age. It is 25' round and has probably been growing for 600 years'.

1946: In *The Churchyard Yew and Immortality* Cornish recorded 'an old yew', 22' girth at 4' from base'.

1992: Baxter, in *The Eternal Yew* recorded a yew 24' 8" x 33' high.

1994: Meredith's gazetteer in *The Sacred Yew* recorded a 22' male yew south of the church.

1998: While there are several yews in this churchyard, this substantial old male yew, which grows on the north side of the church, is the only one of interest. In fading December light a single flash photo and a girth of 19' 6" around the base of both fragments was all I could obtain.

Peter Norton was more thorough in 2013 and his photos show what an interesting tree this is. The part that lies on the ground was covered in ivy. The standing part now had new growth on the internal wall. Around this part girth was 19' at 2' 6", measured at this height to exclude the bulbous base.





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