ALLTMAWR  St Mauritius  Diocese of Swansea and Brecon  SO0734682553

Nothing is known of the early history of this church, but ‘an early medieval origin might be suspected’. At 35’ long, this is one of the smallest churches in Wales. It is thought possible that this was once a marker tree on a pilgrim trackway near a crossing of the river Wye.

The male yew has a clean bole enabling its huge girth to be fully appreciated. The steep slope means that a horizontal tape at the ground on one side of the tree is almost 6’ above the ground on the other. As well as several substantial live branches, there are many scars where others have been removed.

Girth in 2002 was 28’ 6” keeping the tape 2’ above the ground all around the tree.

Photos: 1998

Church information from Clwyd/Powys Archaeological Trust (1996) and The Buildings of Wales: Powys by Richard Haslam 1979

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