

BARFRESTONE

St Nicholas

Diocese of Canterbury

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According to Canterbury Cathedral archives, instructions were given in 1900 to 'remove the bell from interior of the church and rehang it upon a large yew tree in the churchyard'. Here it remains, rung by an elaborate system of pulleys.

2002: The accommodating yew is a tall columnar female growing NW of the church. Girth was 17' 2" at the ground and 16' 7" at 3'. Much of its bole was hidden behind ivy, but it was possible to see that about 4½' of its circumference was dead wood.

Branches develop above a height of about 10' and the canopy was filled with luxuriant foliage.

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