

2009: A well looked after green oasis alongside a busy London street. The church is said to have been consecrated by Stephen Langton in the year of Magna Carta.

The yew grows on the south side and though some consider it to have been planted at the time the church was consecrated (1215), its girth suggests that it is considerably younger. At some time in the past the trunk was 'preserved with about 3 hundredweight of concrete'. This at least prevents fires being lit in its once hollow space, though the additional weight may be contributing to the tree's lean. This year it has produced vast quantities of pollen, and discarded pollen sacs covered the ground beneath the tree. Foliage was thin and there appeared to be little new leaf growth. Girth was 11' 2" at 3'.

