

It is thought possible that Christian worship may have begun here early in the 10th century in the small Saxon settlement called Herdeslege. It is known that by about 1100 a small church stood near to the present church entrance.

The Woolhope Papers have recorded this yew on several occasions. In 1866 it was 'one out of several' in this churchyard and in 1904 was described as the 'fine yew at the eastern edge of Eardisley churchyard'.

The papers also recorded girth as follows:

1866: 14ft (no height recorded)

1904: 16ft 1in. (.. ..)

1935 : 16' 11" at 4' and 17' 7" at 5'

1999: 18' 10" at the ground, 18' 3" at 3' and 20' 11" at 5' - Tim Hills

In 1999 large quantities of ivy had recently been treated or removed from the healthy male yew, allowing its fine bole and many branches to be seen. Though of solid appearance, the tree is completely hollow, revealed in a single gap 1' wide at the ground and closing over at 2'. An internal stem grows in the hollow.

