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St Mary, St Katherine and All Saints

Diocese of Salisbury

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This Priory church stands on the site of a monastery destroyed in the dissolution.

The 1869 *Handbook for travellers in Wiltshire, Dorsetshire and Somersetshire* by John Murray noted that 'a yew tree, 21ft in girth, stands to the E of the church'.

1998: Growing at the farthest end of the churchyard, this yew is overlooked by the many visitors to this important site. Being away from the public gaze it has to share its space with a shed and an oil drum.

This substantial male tree appears solid to 5/6' where 7 major branches sprout upwards and the resulting tree is tall and narrow. Many other large branches have been removed. A hollow in the oldest looking branch revealed loose heart wood, beneath which could clearly be seen the development of internal growth.

Girth: 23' 7" at the ground; 27' 2" at 4'.

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