It is thought that the earliest parts of this church may be late Saxon. We are told that Jane Austin was a regular worshipper here when visiting her brother who lived in Godmersham Park. In 1936 in *The King’s England*, Mee wrote that ‘the old yews around the church have been old for generation after generation; one of them is hollow, with room for six people to sit in it’.

March 1999: The male yew grows SSW of the church. Its hollow space, complete with internal stem, was filled with elder and ivy. Girth was 20' at 1' and 22' 4" at 3'. There is also a hollow female yew west of the church, with a girth of about 16'.