

This is a remote location at the foot of The Black Mountains. The church is no longer used for worship and is in the care of Friends of Friendless Churches. Two yews grow SW of the church just outside of the churchyard. Correspondence in the 19th century describes them as churchyard yews.

In *Notes and Queries* Nov 5th 1898 p369 is a letter written by John Lowe:

“LLANELIEU, ST. ELLYW, BRECON. –In the churchyard on the edge of Black Mountain Common is a large yew tree, of which Miss M.B.Morgan sends me a photograph. It is notable as having been used formerly as a place of punishment, locally known as the “Stocks,” or, as is thought by one person in the place, a whipping-post. Two holes are cut in the tree to admit the hands, which are maintained in position by a transverse bar passing through other holes bored in the tree. The root is cut away to admit of standing-room, the culprit being placed with his ace toward the tree, and the hands being put through the holes, palms inwards. The situation is described as “horrible.”

2010: The tree used for punishment is male, with a girth of 11ft 8ins, measured just below the diamond shaped gash. Inside this are two clearly definable cuboid shaped indents in which the hands are placed. A younger female yew also grows here.

