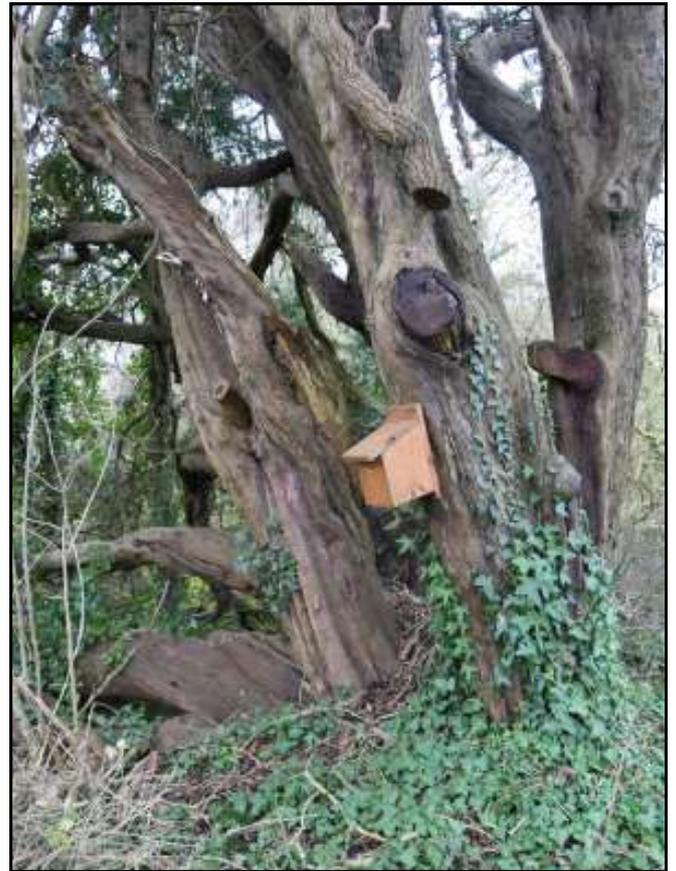


The church dates back to the 13th century, but it is thought to have a Norman foundation. Lighting is still provided by candles and oil lamps in this grade 2 listed building. Over the road from the church is Plas Llanmihangel, a medieval Manor House whose garden yews also feature on this website. Alongside the church is St Anne's Well. The yew grows SE of the church, just inside the churchyard.

Here is a yew of unusual appearance. What we see today are three main areas of growth from a low bole, with a 4th section that split from the base of the tree on its south side probably more than a century ago and now lays across a large piece of unused land between the churchyard and a stream. Ivy and Traveller's Joy appear to have dominated the tree in the past and its foliage looked thin. Recently the thick ivy stems have been cut allowing the tree to be opened up again to the light. Girth around the three main stems was 15' 3" but a measurement that included the collapsed section of the tree would have been considerably larger. I was fortunate to have visited at the time of the year when undergrowth was minimal and it was still possible to get below the tree and photograph its fallen section.





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