

The first record of a church here is 1291 Pope Nicholas' Taxatio as 'Ecclesia de Maesmenus'.

2005: The yew, growing on the N side of the church, presents as a twisted half shell with small internal stems. It is difficult to know how much larger this tree was than its present girth of 14' 4" measured close to the ground.



Geoff Garlick photos are undated



In April 2017 Paul Wood reported as follows: The foliage was so red I thought the tree was dying. That however is not the case and it appeared to be growing quite healthily. It was unfortunate that in such a well kept churchyard the bole was unreachable behind thick and impenetrable brambles and nettles. On the way out I spoke to a gentleman who had taken it on himself to keep the churchyard tidy. He asked about the yew and said he would make it his priority in the summer.





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