The origins of the site are obscure but the building dates back to the 14th century.

I first visited Talachddu in 2002 and returned to take photos in 2012. Paul Wood’s notes and photographs from 2015 are also included.

Among the 9 yews here are one veteran and four notable specimens. Ivy was rampant throughout the churchyard, and all girth measurements will have been affected by this.

2002: Tree 2 is a hollowing female with a girth of 14' 7" at the ground.  
2015: Paul Wood - It is gradually becoming hidden from view with thick twiggy growth on the east side of the tree and ivy slowly covering the ground. It appeared to be growing well.
2002: Tree 3 is male with an internal stem, growing on the edge of a high wall. Girth was estimated at 15'16'.

2015 Paul Wood: A fine looking yew but unapproachable from any angle, on one side a steep drop from the wall and on the other much of the lower bole filled with twiggy growth, some of which is developing into new branches. While it looked full of growth, the foliage on most of the tree was quite thin.

2002: Tree 4 is the largest here, a female measuring 17’ 6” at 1’ in 2002 and 17’ 9” at 1’ in 2012. Its main growth is around a hollow area with an internal stem. Girth will decrease considerably when a large dead branch 8’9’ high and joined to the tree from the ground, falls from the side of the tree. Even though much ivy had been cut, it still swamped the tree.

2015 Paul Wood: The most important tree in the churchyard was completely hidden behind thick ivy. You would struggle to know if a yew existed under here if it were not for some sparse foliage.
2002: Tree 7 is male measuring 13’ 5” at 2’ in 2002 and 13’ 7” at the same height in 2012. It is hollow with internal growth among the decaying heartwood. Much of the old white sapwood centre remains.

2015 Paul Wood: Measured at 2’ we recorded 13’ 7” over a small amount of ivy. This was the most approachable Yew at Talachddu. It was possible to see that yews 7 and 8 grow on the east and west side of a small mound.
2002: Tree 8 is a fluted female with a girth of 14' 6" at 1' in both 2002 and 2012. It seemed solid and develops a central fluted main stem and numerous lateral branches at a height of 8'.

Seen on the right in 2015, much of the bole has become enveloped in twiggy growth. Nettles, Brambles and a pile of sawn wood around the bole meant that no further information was gathered.

2015 Paul Wood: On approach to the church is yew 9, a fine looking tree becoming inundated with thick ivy which has taken hold well into the canopy. Measured at the ground from the north side of the tree with a level tape a girth of 11' 3" was recorded over thick ivy.