

## TUNSTALL

St John the Baptist

Diocese of Canterbury

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Nothing has yet been discovered about this yew's history. The first record is in Meredith's 1996 gazetteer in *The Sacred Yew* which describes a girth of 27' and reports that in 1989 it was 'almost destroyed by fire.... caused by birds dropping burning straw'.

1999: From the hidden twiggy bole of this male yew rise many tall straight branches; the largest grow from the centre at about 10' and rise parallel to each other. Adventitious growth is visible throughout the tree and well into its upper branches. The photo shows why measurement was no longer possible.

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