The postcard text reads: ‘Hugh Latimer, the Martyr, who was burned at the stake at Oxford in the reign of Queen Mary, was rector of the parish from the year 1530 to 1535, and, it is said, he was accustomed at times to preach under this tree’.

Drive through a farm to find parking by the church. The churchyard has a fine outlook towards the SW and in 2000 won a Bishop’s Conservation Award.

2005: The male yew with a solid looking bole grows SW of the church inside a 1’ high circular wall. The tree bulges following branch removal at 5’ on the side facing the church. A gap at the base reveals portions of the original trunk. At about 15’/18’ two main upright branches develop. It is a many branched and fine looking yew. Girth was 15’ 7’’ at the ground and 16’ 11’’ at 3’.

2011: Peter Norton recorded a girth of 16’ 1’’ at 1’ and 16’ 9’’ at 2’ from the top of the 1’ retaining wall, which was starting to crack as the tree expands. The photos were all taken by Peter Norton in December 2011.

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