

This place is also known as Llanfechan. The churchyard was originally sub-circular and the church occupies an artificial mound. The location is so remote there is little documented history.

The yew is seen below left in 1999, at a time when grass clippings around its base were several inches thick and the tree's vast hollow was being used as a rubbish store. It was also competing with ivy and elder, but in spite of this vigorous growth was noted. Girth was 22' 6" at 1'.

In 2012 (right) elder and ivy were still rampant, but the drying grasses and hollow space had been cleared. The tree continued to have a vigorous green canopy. When dead wood in the trunk has decayed this will become two fragment trees.



This is one of the churches in the Llangammarch group of parishes. They have already overseen the destruction of significant yews at Llanlleonfel and Llanganten (Cilmery). It is hoped that this ancient tree will not suffer the same fate.



2016 Paul Wood: Two yews here, the ancient and a young yew. Both trees appeared to have been untouched for a considerable time though the rest of the churchyard was neat and tidy. The younger yew was relatively free of ivy, which was not the case for the ancient yew. I cleared some to be able to see what was going on in the hollow. Two internal stems were visible though clearly when the dead wood disappears this will look a quite different tree. The large branch at roughly six feet on the south side of the tree was interesting in revealing many stages of life and decay within the branch. I feel that its size will be its undoing since as the dead wood disappears the weight might cause the branch to collapse. The tree could not be measured since the east end of the tree was so overgrown.

