

In 1899 *Nooks and Corners of Shropshire* H.Thornhill Timmins described 'a great dark yew-tree and yonder is the holy well'. The well is found today in the garden of one of the old cottages opposite the churchyard, but has been blocked up.

2009: The tree grows on the perimeter of this large churchyard, NNE of the church. A few feet below the yew is a triangular piece of land bounded by the churchyard, a road and a field. I was told that it is owned by Hopton Court. From the churchyard the tree appears whole and solid, but on the side facing the field, four feet of its girth is of dead sapwood, with a hollow ring when tapped. The yew is male, with thick healthy foliage. 17ft is a rough guide of its girth. Opposite the tree and along the lane is a younger yew. There used to be a third but it was felled to create a garage space for a new house.

