

## The ancient yews in the Dioceses of the Church of England - October 2022

In 2022 the Ancient Yew Group updated its classification of yews. Most trees with a girth above 4m are now called **Ancient**. They are categorised according to their present girth or a known historic girth.

**Ancient - E** are those exceptional yews with girth above 9m and a likely age above 1000 years.

**Ancient 1** have a girth between 7m and 9m and a likely age above 800 years.

**Ancient – 5/7m** in girth have a likely age above 500 years.

**Ancient – 4/5m** in girth have a likely age above 400 years.

**Notable** applies to yews with a girth between 3m and 4m.

Where smaller girthed yews exhibit some of the features found on ancient trees, for example holes, cavities or crevices, they will be classified as **Veteran (V-con)** because of their condition.

### Diocese of Bristol

Site name	Church name	Tree Classification
Abbots Leigh, Somerset	Holy Trinity	1 ancient 1 - 7/9m
Purton St Mary, Wiltshire	St Mary	1 ancient - 5/7m
West Kington, Wiltshire	St Mary the Virgin	1 ancient - 5/7m