

## 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 Rochester

Site name	Church name	Tree Classification
Cudham, Downe and Hayes are in Greater London. The remaining sites are in Kent.		
Bidborough	St Lawrence	1 ancient 5/7m 1 notable
Birling	All Saints	2 ancient 5/7m
Bredhurst	St Peter	1 ancient 5/7m
Capel	St Thomas of Canterbury	1 ancient 1 - 7/9m 1 notable
Chiselhurst	St Nicholas	1 veteran – condition
Cooling	St James - Redundant church	1 veteran – condition
Cudham	St Peter and St Paul	1 ancient Exceptional 1 ancient 1 - 7/9m
Ditton	St Peter	1 ancient 5/7m
Downe	St Mary the Virgin	1 ancient Exceptional
Farningham	St Peter and St Paul	1 ancient 5/7m
Hayes	St Mary the Virgin	1 ancient 5/7m
Hoo St.Werburgh	St Werburgh	1 ancient 5/7m
Horton Kirby	St Mary	1 ancient 5/7m

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Hunton	St Mary	1 ancient 5/7m
Knockholt	St Katherine	1 ancient 5/7m
Lamberhurst	St Mary the Virgin	1 ancient <sup>1</sup> - 7/9m
Linton	St Nicholas	1 veteran – condition
Offham	St Michael	1 ancient 5/7m
Otford	St Bartholomew	1 veteran – condition
Rainham	St Margaret	1 ancient <sup>1</sup> - 7/9m
Seal	St Peter and St Paul	1 ancient 5/7m
Sevenoaks	St Nicholas	1 ancient 4/5m
Shorne	St Peter and St Paul	1 ancient 5/7m 1 fragment
Speldhurst	St Mary the Virgin	1 ancient 5/7m
St Mary Hoo	St Mary	1 veteran – condition
Stansted	St Mary the Virgin	1 ancient 5/7m
Trottiscliffe	St Peter and St Paul	1 ancient 4/5m
West Kingsdown	St Edmund	1 ancient <sup>1</sup> - 7/9m