



ST. MARY THE VIRGIN CHURCH

Overton is perhaps best known for the magnificent ancient yew trees in the churchyard, one of “the Seven Wonders of Wales”. The oldest is thought to be 1500-2000 years old.

The church tower dates from the 14th-Century and houses a peel of 6 bells, and a clock by Joyce of Whitchurch incorporating their patent escapement mechanism, in common with “Big Ben”.

The Norman circle cross, built into the west pillar of the nave, is probably the oldest stonework, and the weathered shaft of a 14th-century cross stands beneath a yew tree. An oak chest with heavy iron work probably dates from the 15th-century.

Much older still, believed to date from the 6th-century, is an unusual Abyssinian brass processional cross with a calendar stick in Indian script. Other treasures to seek out are an east window by Clayton & Bell, 3 Kemp windows in the south aisle (1890), with Kemp’s “Wheatsheaf” signature on the clasp of the Magi’s cloak.



FACILITIES:

- Car parking
- Toilet facilities (Public)

PLACES TO VISIT:

- 40 miles of well signposted public footpaths (leaflets are available from Overton library)
- Refreshments are available from various public houses in the area. Sample the local hospitality in the fish or Indian restaurant
- The Boathouse Restaurant at nearby Erbstock boasts an idyllic setting
- Children’s playground in village with parking

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OPENING TIMES:

Daily:
8.30pm - 5.00pm