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LOWER CLAPTON ROAD E5
(North West side)

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Church of St James the Great

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Church. Nave of 1840-1 by E.C. Hakewill, 1902 Chancel by W.D. Caroe, and 1978 conversion to west end. Stock brick with stone dressings, with red brick 1902 work.

EXTERIOR: Aiseless nave with 5 thin lancets in splayed stone surrounds, now part of the separate western conversion and terminating in a taller bay to west end with attached 1978 stair and lift tower. Tall 2-bay transepts culminate in lower polygonal chapels. Tall octagonal turret to southeast angle with stone spire, Latin inscription course and gargoyles below projecting cornice, then tall stone arcade above brick and stone pointed arch detail. Red brick chancel added 1902 with tall corner buttresses and 3 lancets to east end. North transept links to covered porch over footpath; south transept has main porch in east corner.

INTERIOR: Crossing has wooden roof with 4 bosses; transepts and nave have wooden tie beams with slender struts above tie beam. Chancel arch with slender clustered piers, quatrefoil details to spandrels, and short colonettes with foliate capitals and corbelling to outside of aisles. North organ chamber with aisle behind arcade leading to vestry. Delicate wooden arcade to each chancel aisle and screen to sanctuary with painted wooden reredos. East window has Christ flanked by St. James and St. John; south aisle has St. Anna, St. Simeon, the Sower and the Light of the World. Wooden choir stalls with Art Nouveau flower detail. Stone font in north transept. Transepts behind 2-bay arcade with tall slender clustered piers; nave behind 1978 concrete block partition, where original roof and inserted floors.

A church of 1840-41 by E.C. Hakewill with 1902 Chancel by W.D. Caroe that has an impressive turret and spacious interior with fine detailing.