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(East side)
CHURCH OF ST LEONARD

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Parish Church. 1736 by George Dance the elder. Classical church with brick core and plentiful dressings of Portland stone. Full height pedimented Doric portico has tower above with clock stage, bell stage, drum, cupola, upper drum and short spire, all of Portland stone. Arched windows, These and doors all in moulded architraves; cornice and pediment on scrolled consoles to main door. Inside a groin vaulted lobby leads to nave whose round arcading rests on Doric entablatures of piers. West bay is gallery for handsome baroque organ case. East bay has good oak choir benches. Pulpit of C17 appearance with early-mid C18 stair, Interesting monuments, in particular that to Elizabeth Benson (d,1710) by Francis Bird. Groin vaulted undercroft with old tomb chests, Later south extension.

The Church of St Leonard with No. 118½, the railings to north of No. 118½ and the churchward gates and railings form a group