



Start at the junction of the Radley Road and the Vineyard. The Catholic church of [Our Lady and St Edmund](#) is on the north side of the junction with the associated school buildings extending up the Oxford Road. Three men are associated with setting up the church and the school: [Sir George Boyer](#), [Father John Paul O'Toole](#) and the architect [William Wilkinson Wardell](#).

You could make a detour to see the ruins of Barton Court. Turn right down the Radley Road and right again down Audlett drive. At the pelican crossing turn left down the footpath which will soon open into a carpark. Cross the carpark and turn right into Sherwood Avenue. The ruins are in the green space to your left beyond the trees.



Return to the Vineyard, turn left, and walk towards the town centre. As you approach the Stert Street corner, behind the buildings on your right is what is now the [Fitzharris Estate](#), a residential development built in the grounds of Fitzharris House, now demolished.



At the junction of The Vineyard, Stert Street and Stratton Way turn left down [Stert Street](#) towards the Market Place.



The [culverted River Stert](#) is under the pavement and part of the roadway on the east side of the street.

On your right you will pass [No. 52](#) also known as the Knowl.



Further down the Oxfam shop, also on your right, was once the headquarters of the corn and coal merchants [R S Langford and Sons](#). Their name is still above the shop front.

The blue plaque on No. 39 on your left (Masons) commemorates [John Alder](#) 'the lucky cooper' and his spectacular lottery win.



[No. 3](#), on your left, is close to [St Nicolas' Church](#) and the Market Place. It was originally built by Abingdon Abbey.



Turn right. St Nicolas Church will be directly behind you, the Market Place on your right and the [County Hall Museum](#) on your left.



Continue down the High Street. You will pass the double gables of part of the [former Lion Hotel](#) on your right. In the first decades of the 20th century it was run by the [Mayhead family](#).