



The Clothworkers' Company



DR CAROLYN BOULTER DL

**498TH MASTER OF
THE CLOTHWORKERS' COMPANY**

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Carolyn was the first woman to join the Court in 2004. She is the daughter of Pamela Blatch, née Beachcroft, Freewoman, and granddaughter of Major Maurice Beachcroft, Master 1945/46.

A lecturer in Higher Education and a researcher, Carolyn was educated at Slough High School for Girls, and won a scholarship to do a BSc in Biological Sciences at Birmingham University followed later by an M.Sc and PhD at the University of Reading. Throughout her school teaching career she has held various secondary school science posts and was formerly a lecturer for Initial Teacher Training and Research Methods at The University of Reading where she also carried out research into language and conceptual modelling in science education. Currently she is an Honorary Senior Research Associate at UCL Institute of Education. Her involvement with education led to a place on the Board at Pangbourne College for ten years and Chairmanship of Futures for Women. She is a Fellow of the Linnaean Society, the Royal Society of Arts and the Royal Society of Biology.

Carolyn's recent work with the Charles Darwin Trust has involved the development of science teaching materials, a book on Darwin Inspired Learning and training using Darwin's archives. She currently is a volunteer with the Natural History Museum of London cataloguing Darwin's barnacle collection.

Carolyn is taking a year out from being Churchwarden of St Mark's Englefield in Berkshire but remains a lay Chaplain to the Elizabeth Fry Approved Premises for Women in Reading and sits on the Thames Valley Domestic Abuse Review Panel.

She was appointed High Sheriff of Berkshire in 2008-2009 and is a Deputy Lieutenant for the Royal County of Berkshire. Her other interests include watercolour landscape and botanical painting, natural history and gardening. She is married to Dr Hugh Boulter, a theologian, working in the field of Muslim Christian dialogue and they have one son, Rev. Adam Boulter, who is on the Clothworkers' livery.