Upper Warden of the Worshipful Company of Plumbers
Michael V Cooper OBE



Michael and Felicity both grew up in Harrow and were married in Ruislip Parish Church but have lived in South Oxfordshire for 25 years. They have three children (now in their early twenties). Felicity is an alumna of Kings College, London, where she studied biology before qualifying as a practice nurse.

After reading history at Christ Church, Oxford, Michael qualified as a chartered accountant with Price Waterhouse (now PwC) at Southwark Towers, at a time when the City was changing rapidly due to the 'Big Bang' deregulation of the financial markets and the introduction of new technology. He spent much of his career as a Senior Civil Servant with Defra, where he was responsible for co-ordinating the Common Agricultural Policy in the UK, and following retirement in 2023 was awarded an OBE for public service. Michael has held various roles in his professional bodies, including as President of the Thames Valley Society of Chartered Accountants and as Vice President Finance of BCS, the Chartered Institute for IT. He now chairs the Reading Tech Cluster, a not-for-profit company that aims to make the Thames Valley Berkshire region the best place to start, grow or locate a technology firm in the UK.

Michael has served as Parish Clerk of St Magnus the Martyr since 1998. He is a Past Master of the Worshipful Company of Parish Clerks and belongs to the Magna Master Past Masters' Association. He became a freeman of the City in 1991, Chairman of the Society of Young Freemen in 1997, and Chairman of Bridge Ward Club in 2002. He is also a liveryman of the Butchers' Company and a trustee of several charities, including the Bridge Ward Club Norwegian Business Scholars' Trust. Having joined the Plumbers' Company in 2002, Michael has served as a Steward, Court Assistant, Hon Archivist and Curator, Charity trustee, and

PMWT Director. He is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London and is a member of the Oxford & Cambridge Club.