

## **ELAINE COOPER - KLC Associate Fellow**

After completing a B.Social Sciences at the University of Cape Town, Elaine studied Italian Language and Cultural History in Florence, Italy at the Centro per Stranieri before going to Swiss L'Abri to pursue the concept of truth and community under the work of Dr. Francis Schaeffer. Elaine and her husband became workers at English L'Abri, hosting together with 4 other families, many hundreds of young people, disaffected by their experience of church and life. These seekers, both internationals and British, wanted to explore more deeply the claims of Christ and Christianity.

Interested in the education of their own children in a secular society, led Elaine to work with Susan Schaeffer Macaulay establishing a small educational charity Child Light, to make the work of Charlotte Mason more widely known. Elaine republished a seminal biography *The Story of Charlotte Mason* by Essex Cholmondeley, which is now undergoing its third edition in 2021 with The Lutterworth Press, Cambridge.

International interest, especially in the US about Mason's work, led to Elaine editing a volume '*When Children Love to Learn*' published by Crossways in 2004. In 2007 she was involved in the start-up of a small Christian school based on Mason's educational principles in central Cambridge, starting with 16 students and now with 200 – [heritageschool.org.uk](http://heritageschool.org.uk) –

Semi-retired, and with more time for independent research, she is hoping to contribute to studies on the philosophy and epistemology of Charlotte Mason.