

# ALUN AND DEBBIE BURT



*“Because of the oppression of the weak and the groaning of the needy, I will now arise,” says the LORD.’ Psalm 12:5*

Before South Africa became a democracy, the Cape Flats in south-east Cape Town were designated to black and coloured communities. Apartheid ended in 1994 but the disadvantages faced by people there continue: poverty, family breakdown, gangsterism, poor educational opportunities and drug addiction.

St Thomas’ Church is in the heart of the Cape Flats and reaches out with the hope of the gospel to those in desperate physical and spiritual need. Alun and Debbie first went to South Africa on a short-term trip, but returned to serve long-term with St Thomas’ Church in 2008.

## WHY ALUN AND DEBBIE?

Alun served as Youth Worker for St Thomas' Church on the Cape Flats until 2019, when he was appointed Rector. His ministry includes teaching and discipling the congregation in regular services and bible study groups. He and Debbie also lead children's and youth camps and help run a church pre-school for children from very deprived backgrounds.

On top of this, Alun and Debbie work closely with Arise – a Christian organisation that promotes fostering and adoption. Many children in Cape Town cannot be cared for by their biological families and so often end up in children's homes.



Debbie served as Director for Arise for several years but has now handed this over so that she can focus on ministry at home. She continues to be involved with adoption advocacy and support work at Arise, alongside looking after their four children: Likhona, Ilana, Malachi and Timothy.

## WORKING TOGETHER

Alun and Debbie are convinced of the need for committed partners to support and pray regularly for their ministry. Please consider joining Alun and Debbie's partnership team, praying with them and supporting them financially.

Over the last few years, Alun and Debbie's budget has risen due to increases in school expenses, medical costs and taxes, among other things. They currently need to raise a further £10,000 per year to keep them serving in South Africa.

To support Alun and Debbie or to sign-up to receive their prayer letters, go to [crosslinks.org/alun-and-debbie-burt](https://crosslinks.org/alun-and-debbie-burt)