

# St Elizabeth's Home for Girls

1926 – 1977

**Other Names:** • St. Elizabeth's Girls' Home

## Details

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St Elizabeth's Home for Girls was opened at Mayfield in 1926 as a home for orphan and destitute girls up to 16 years old, owned by the Church of England Diocese at Newcastle. St Elizabeth's Home for Girls was relocated to Singleton in 1942, and closed in 1977.

St Elizabeth's Mayfield was located in a property owned by the Church of England Diocese of Newcastle. The house was built in 1886 and was once the residence of William Arnott, who named it Arnott Holme. In 1898 it was sold to Isaac Winn, who named it Winn Court. In 1921 it was sold to the Newcastle Diocese.

The house was first opened as a hostel in 1923 but the Diocese of Newcastle converted it to a girls' home in 1926. The day to day management of the Home, including the care and supervision of children, was done by the Sisters of the Community of the Holy Name until 1937. The Church Army, a new organisation supported by the Diocese of Newcastle, was invited to take over the day to day management of St. Elizabeth's in 1937, and oversaw day to day operations until 1961. From 1961 until its closure, staffing of the Home was provided directly by the Diocese.

During World War 2 the Mayfield location of St Elizabeth's Home for Girls was determined to be vulnerable, and in 1942 the Home moved to Singleton. By December 1942 the girls of St Elizabeth's had moved into what was initially intended to be their temporary new location in the grounds of the All Saints rectory between High Street and Bishopgate Street. However, by 1951, St Elizabeth's position in Singleton had become permanent, and 26 girls were occupying the two-dormitory fibro building.

## Gallery

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**Arnott Holme (1885)**

**Description:** Originally built on a 5 acre block by Charles Uphold, owner of the Soap and Candle Factory which opened in Mayfield from 1886 east of Ingall St. The estate was sold to William Arnott in 1888 and named Arnott Holme. The Arnotts remained here until 1898. The bakery was in Hunter Street, while members of the family resided here in Mayfield. The house was then sold to Isaac Winn, who renamed it Winn Court. Many social functions, including fetes and Bible classes, were held in the home and grounds. In 1921 the house was acquired by the Church of England and became St Elizabeth's Girls Home and, later, St. Albans Boys Home.

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### St Alban's Boys' Home, Mayfield, Newcastle

**Description:** This photo is undated, the date included is an estimate.

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### Girl's Home Anniversary

**Description:** This image shows the outside of the St Elizabeth's Home for Girls in Mayfield. The building is also known as Winncourt. It was published in the *Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate* on 20 September 1937 as one of two photos taken at the 11th anniversary celebrations of the Home. The photo is captioned "The garden and home".

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## More info

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### Related Entries

#### Run by

- [Anglican Diocese of Newcastle \(c. 1800 - current\)](#)

The Diocese of Newcastle provided the house for St Elizabeth's Girls Home when it was founded.

#### Related Organisations

- [St Christopher's Home for Little Children \(1928 - 1978\)](#)

Once girls at St Christopher's Home for Little Children reached the age of seven they were sent to St Elizabeth's Girls' Home.

Date: 1928 - 1956

- [Church Army \(1932 - 2024\)](#)

Date: 1937 - 1977

- [St Alban's Home for Boys \(1920 - 1980\)](#)

St Alban's Home for Boys took over 'Winncourt', Mayfield that had been used by St Elizabeth's Girls Home.

Date: 1952 -

- [Community of the Holy Name \(1888 - current\)](#)

The Sisters of the Community of the Holy Name was appointed by the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle to oversee the day to day operations of the Home

Date: 1926 - 1937

### Resources

- University of Newcastle Library, [Anglican Diocese of Newcastle Archives](#), Archives of the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle, including parish registers, records of the Bishops of Newcastle and the records of St John's Theological College at Morpeth held by Cultural Collections, 2014
- [Christmas at St. Elizabeth's](#), Singleton Argus, 3 December 1951
- [Annual Meeting of All Saints': Temporary quarters for inmates of St. Elizabeth's Home](#), Singleton Argus, 25 February 1942
- [Improving Access to Children's Homes Records for Care Leavers in the Hunter Region](#), Hunter Living Histories, 5 June 2019
- [Doing Good](#), The Newcastle Sun, 6 April 1935

## Records

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For more information and to access your records, follow the links below:

## Records

- [Diocese of Newcastle Children's Homes \(1918 - 1987\)](#)
  - [St. Elizabeth's Home for Girls, Records \(1920 - 1976\)](#)
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