**New College**

**Hastings-Rashdall Scholarship**

The college seeks to appoint a Hastings-Rashdall Graduate Scholar. **Applicants are asked to submit by 15 July, 2 copies of a curriculum vitae, a covering letter indicating suitability for the scholarship, and the names of 2 referees. Please post applications to the Chapel Administrator, Ms. Nancy-Jane Rucker, New College, Holywell Street, Oxford, OX1 3SX; or submit applications via e-mail to nancy-jane.rucker@new.ox.ac.uk.**

The scholarship is open to postgraduate students in any subject who are able to contribute to the liturgy of the college chapel and to assist the Dean of Divinity in raising the profile of the chapel among students. The Hastings-Rashdall Graduate Scholar usually:

* acts as head server, organising the servers’ rota, recruiting and training new servers. There is a weekly eucharist on Thursdays at 6.15 PM, and occasionally on other days on special occasions. The Hastings-Rashdall Graduate Scholar usually serves at half of these services and arranges the rota for all services. In addition, the Hastings-Rashdall Graduate Scholar acts as MC at all of the annual college carol services, usually on Sunday of 8th week, Saturday of 8th week and Sunday of 9th week in Michaelmas Term.
* supports chapel events for students, such as Fresher’s evensong, the weekly Soul Food discussion lunch, the termly feast day services followed by supper, and chapel social events.
* assists with planning and leading the bi-weekly student Taize service
* works with the Dean of Divinity, the Assistant Chaplain, and the undergraduate Chapel Wardens, to plan and promote future events

This programme normally requires the commitment of one night a week in the 10-week term, and about six daytime events or meetings across the term.

Training will be available for a committed candidate who does not have previous experience as a head server.

The candidate would also have the opportunity to undertake occasional paid work as a verger.

If the successful candidate is from another college there would be an opportunity to change colleges, if the candidate wished to do so.

The scholarship of £3000 is initially available for a term of one year, renewable for up to two further years.

**New College Chapel**

The chapel has been at the heart of New College since its founding in 1379. The original statutes provide for a choir of 16 choristers to sing a full complement of daily services, including a daily mass for the soul of the founder, his parents, and the king, which was to be attended by all members of the college.

Today there is a choir of sixteen choristers (plus 8 probationer choristers), approximately 8 academical clerks and 8 lay clerks. There are six choral services a week in chapel. Evensong is sung Friday through Tuesday, and there is a sung eucharist on Thursdays. The choristers (from New College School) do not sing on Mondays. We have introduced a Taize service for students on fortnightly Wednesdays, and the termly Catholic Chaplaincy mass usually also takes place on a Wednesday. There are large, well-attended services for feast days and special occasions, including Fresher’s evensong and a College Commemoration Service early in Michaelmas Term, a Requiem Mass for All Souls, three carol services, lenten performances of Bach’s *St John Passion* or Handel’s *Messiah*, and services for Candlemas, Ash Wednesday, Ascension and Corpus Christi. Some of these are focussed on the college community, but all draw some attendees from further afield, and a few have very large congregations mostly of non-college members.

The Dean of Divinity, Rev Dr Erica Longfellow, plans and leads all services in conjunction with the Organist, Robert Quinney. From Michaelmas Term 2014 there will also be an Assistant Chaplain, Mr Neil McCleary, who will take evensong on Monday night and provide cover for other services, assist with the running of large services, and assist the Dean of Divinity with promoting the profile of the chapel to students. The Chapel Administrator, Nancy-Jane Rucker, is responsible for all of the business of the chapel, including the administration of large services, ticketing of events, and choir administration. The Verger, Jamie Bell, prepares the chapel for services, and leads front of house, including briefing volunteer ushers on emergency procedures. The Chapel Lay Assistant, Rosie Howard, assists with greeting at the eucharist and on Sundays and other large services. The Chapel Steward, Gill King, is responsible for cleaning the chapel.