ANNUAL SEMINAR AND LECTURE

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Tuesday 12 May 2015
King’s College, Old Aberdeen

Seminar - Priestly Leadership
2.00pm: MacRobert 252
Recent discussions of ministry in the church have often pitted managerial leadership language over against talk of priestly or ministerial formation and development in virtue. Are these two incompatible? Might the theology of priesthood help us develop a proper vision of ‘priestly leadership’ which is appropriate not just in the church but in wider society? Might the church’s idea of priesthood have something to say to the leadership industry in wider society? This seminar will explore these themes and their significance for ministry today.

Lecture - Priesthood as God’s Way of Blessing the World
7.00pm: Kings KCF7
The word ‘Priest’ is often seen as a description of a type of Christian minister, beloved of more Catholic Christians, suspect for more Protestant ones! Yet the Priesthood of Christ is a very important theme in both Old and New Testaments, and priesthood itself is a much more complex and rich idea than is often appreciated. In this lecture, building on his recent book The Widening Circle, Graham Tomlin explores the significance of the idea of priesthood for the human calling within the world, the place and purpose of the church, and the role and function of Christian ministers.