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—**Chris Stoddard**, Director, Reaching The Unchurched Network

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—**Vaughan Roberts**, Rector of St Ebbe's, Oxford, England; Director, The Proclamation Trust; author, *God's Big Picture*

"Total Church digs deep and provides a solid biblical foundation for what it advocates. The argument of the book is very compelling and at the same time very practical."

—**David W. Jones**, Associate Professor of Christian Ethics, Coordinator of ThM and Thesis Studies, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary; author, *Reforming the Morality of Usury*

"Written not by armchair experts but by hands-on practitioners, Total Church explores what it means in practice to be both gospel-centered and community-centered. This would be an excellent book to give to your leaders, and to the wider church membership, to provoke discussion and prompt change."

—**Peter J. Grainger**, Senior Minister, Charlotte Chapel, Edinburgh

"Reformed theology and new ways of being church are often regarded as incompatible notions. In this book Tim Chester and Steve Timmis aim to bring the two together in a way that they believe will help church leaders identify ways of relating a conservative theology to the culture, without compromising dearly held principles."

—**John Drane**, Freelance Consultant to churches in the UK; Professor of Practical Theology, Fuller Seminary, California

### About the Author

**Tim Chester** (PhD, University of Wales) is a pastor of Grace Church, Boroughbridge, and curriculum director of the Acts 29-Oak Hill Academy, which provides integrated theological and missional training for church leaders. He is the coauthor of *Total Church* and is the author of over thirty books, including *You Can Change*, *A Meal with Jesus*, and *Good News to the Poor*.

**Steve Timmis** (MA, University of Sheffield) is the executive director of Acts 29 and lead pastor at the Crowded House in Sheffield, United Kingdom. He is the author or coauthor of several books. Steve and his wife, Janet, have four adult children and multiple grandchildren.

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