

The Last Days

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I was born in 1959 not so very much later than the second world war.

Very close to the Suez Crisis

The year I was born the Vietnam War was taking off, and the United States of America being drawn in.

The Cuban crisis in 1962 threatened world oblivion

The troubles in Northern Ireland started in 1968

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In 1963 there were the Moors murders, when children were killed in horrendous circumstances

In 1966 the Kray brothers murdered another gangster in a Pub in London.

In 1969 Charles Manson and the cult he led killed Sharon Tate and four others in the USA

J.F.Kennedy was assassinated in 1963, and Robert Kennedy was assassinated on 6th of June 1968

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In the 1960s everyone smoked and coughed and needlessly developed cancerous habits.

Thalidomide was being prescribed for pregnant women creating birth defects

The UK economy faced growth but persistent balance of payments deficit, and devaluation of the pound in 67

There was even scandal with the 46 year old Profumo, and spying and sex.

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Obviously without the computer and the internet, I could not have written this sermon so easily.

So the advance in communication technology can be used for the positive

But you are in charge

You choose what you want to see

You are obliged to use this as a tool

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Not as Gospel

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The true Gospel is the good News of Jesus Christ

The Gospel recognises the suffering of the crucifixion

But believes in the resurrection

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Turn to your faith to make sense of the world

Not to social media

Recognise the many expressions of the crucifixion

And yet recognise the resurrection and the goodness

Let Christ be your guide