

Christmas touchdown

The birth at Bethlehem on that first Christmas still excites young and old as we contemplate once again the advent of Jesus Christ, he who is called Emmanuel, meaning “God is with us”.

Did God really visit us by becoming a man?

We accept of course that man can leave Earth on a peace mission to the moon and, in the process, adapt to the moon’s hostile environment.

Dare we deny God the Son’s power to embark on a peace mission to Earth’s hostile environment and, in the process, adapt by making his visit in human form?

As we know, the Apollo 11 crew left a plaque on the moon which says, “We came in peace for all mankind.”

However, it is Earth, not the moon, which needs a message of peace. This is why Jesus made his bold touch-down at Bethlehem 20 centuries ago.

He said, “I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me . . . that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have everlasting life.” John 6.38-40.

Surely our world today needs, more than ever, this heavenly prescription which Jesus brought us.

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Will we accept that God so loved the world? See John 3.16.

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