

# VISIT BY THE PRIMATE OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH TO HIS BEATITUDE

**His Beatitude Theodoros II, Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa** was visited on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2009, by the Primate of the Anglican Church Dr Rowan Williams, the Archbishop of Canterbury, accompanied by the Bishop of Egypt Dr Mouneer H. Anis and other high-ranking Anglican clergy.

During the private meeting, held between His Beatitude and Archbishop Dr Rowan Williams in the Patriarchal Office, mentioned was made of the multifaceted work of the ancient Patriarchate as well as of the presence of the Anglican Church in Africa.

**Archbishop Rowan Williams** informed the Patriarch about the Conference of Anglican Bishops of Asia and Africa which is being held in Alexandria . He thanked His Beatitude for the heartfelt welcome which is “a special honour and blessing as it comes from the successor of the Great Fathers of the Church Athanasios, Kyrillos and John the Merciful”. He also expressed his satisfaction that the spreading of the Gospel in Africa is “headed by an ancient and historic Church, the Patriarchate of Alexandria, which has contributed enormously to the formation of Christian teaching and life”.

Commemorative gifts were then exchanged and the visitors were taken on a conducted tour of the Patriarchal Mansion by His Beatitude.