

# **Forest Chapel Rushbearing 19<sup>th</sup> August at 3 PM**



**Visiting Preacher**

## **Bishop Peter Forster**

**This service carries on a tradition that goes back many hundreds of years, when rushes were laid on the floor for people to sit on. Rushbearing was a time when old rushes were thrown away and new ones were cut and brought into the church. It was a time for congregations to renew their lives and their faith, but as years went by the religious significance became overshadowed by festivities held on Saturdays to become Village Fairs and Rose Queen Fêtes.**

**Forest Chapel has kept a simple Sunday service with the church beautifully decorated with rushes and flowers.**

**Refreshments are available after the service.  
The sermon is preached outside so bring suitable clothing.**