A sabbatical? I returned to the parish personally renewed… What more could I ask for?

After ten years in the parish I knew it was time to take a break. I'd told myself for a long time, 'I'll do ten years and then have a think about what to do next.' If I'd really been listening to myself I would have heard myself saying, 'It's time for a sabbatical.'

I've heard some funny ideas for Clergy Sabbaticals in my time. Often they involve a spot of research into something very obscure coupled with visits to art galleries and lots of coffee-drinking. I've got nothing against any of those things but…

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