

# Clergy

There is currently a vacancy for this role.

Below are the job role details for the new position.

## Working week & other requirements

This post will suit a newly retired priest wishing to continue active ministry in a very attractive part of rural France.

It is highly desirable that the new incumbent has a working knowledge of French.

Considerable travel within the Vendée will be necessary and so a current driving license is essential. The present incumbent has driven a total of 13,000km per year in carrying out his duties in this large pastoral area.

ASV Council envisage that the new priest-in-charge will need to work a minimum of 3 days a week plus 3 Sundays each month.

Much of day to day communication is carried out using email and so it is desirable that the new incumbent is computer literate (there is no provision for secretarial or other office support).

The priest-in-charge will need to become a resident of France and full assistance will be given to register with the French health and tax systems.

## Accommodation & associated provisions

ASV will not provide any stipend, although it would like to explore the possibility of offering a part-stipend in the future.

ASV are prepared to provide: a furnished house, with a minimum of two bedrooms, space for an office and manageable garden, centrally located in the Vendée

a small car

full reimbursement of all expenses properly incurred in the service of ASV (including car insurance, car servicing and all running costs, telephone and ASDL, postage, stationery etc)

health insurance

pc/printer/scanner.

## Other Information

The cost of living in France is comparable with the UK, although because of the deterioration in the £ to € exchange rate since early 2008, those with income in sterling have suffered a considerable reduction in buying power.

**Food**

A typical month's food bill for a couple is € 350-400.

**Services**

The cost of services for a couple is of the order of:

water - € 350/year

electricity - € 1100/year (including water heating)

NB Obviously varies depending on size of home and lifestyle.

**Motoring (as at April 2011)**

Petrol - € 1.55/litre

Diesel - € 1.33/litre