

Recording your contribution to the 5.00 pm “Bring and Share” Sunday Service

Having a service that is like a “Bring and Share” lunch is a brilliant idea. It is what the early church did and this period of “Social Distancing” does seem to be directing us back to the Church’s roots (except for exchanging a “Kiss of Peace”). Most of us have the technology to contribute without too much “Technophobic” stress since most of us have a smart phone or tablet now-a-days and have almost certainly used at least the camera on it. If you have a choice then **please use the phone** which tends to have a better mic. and camera. These notes are intended to make contributing as painless as possible but do get back to me if they fail!

Paul’s contact details: pjs1269@gmail.com or 01252 724093 or 07447121747 (yes I am on WhatsApp as well but I don’t like it. Although I recognise its utility and versatility I don’t like apps that confine me to the tiny screen of my phone!

RECORDING VIDEOS

I am assuming that most of you do this already or that enough of you do to swap your knowledge and help one another. If you want help or can offer it please let me know and I will be the “dating agency”. DO HOLD YOUR PHONE IN LANDSCAPE VIEW WHEN RECORDING PLEASE it looks better on the computer screen which is also “landscape”. It also helps to have a stand for the phone (design included at end of this)

Sending them is usually straightforward as well because it is usually built in to your camera app. I like videos in **mp4 format** (from Android) or **.mov format** (from iphones) which is what my two phones use and is probably the norm.

RECORDING SOUND

Although your phone may have a voice recorder it probably records sound in an “advanced” format that I would need to convert and that takes time. I am therefore recommending that you download the following depending upon your phone or tablet

Android go to: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.andrwq.recorder>

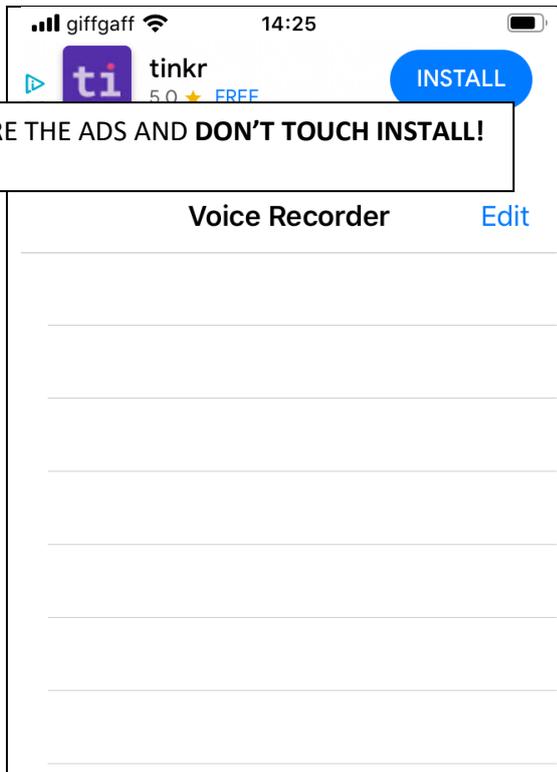
iphones/pads: <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/high-quality-voice-recorder/id779128258>

Both are free (so you get ads, sorry), easy for you to use and easy for me to use. Instructions are on a separate page

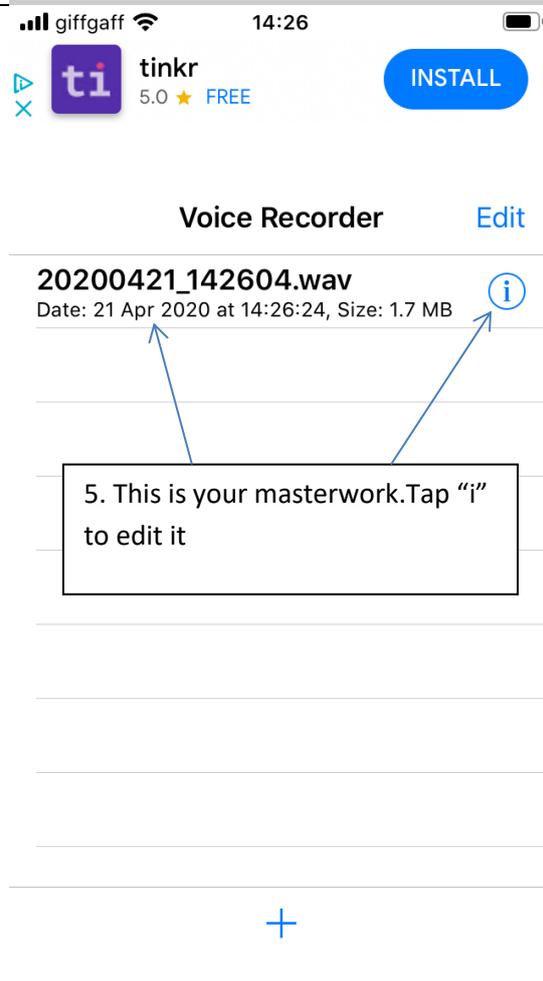
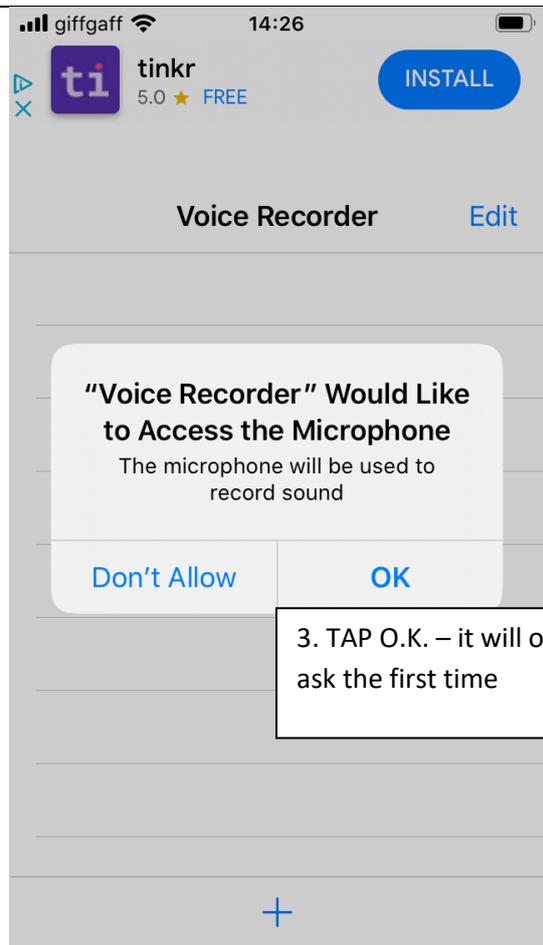
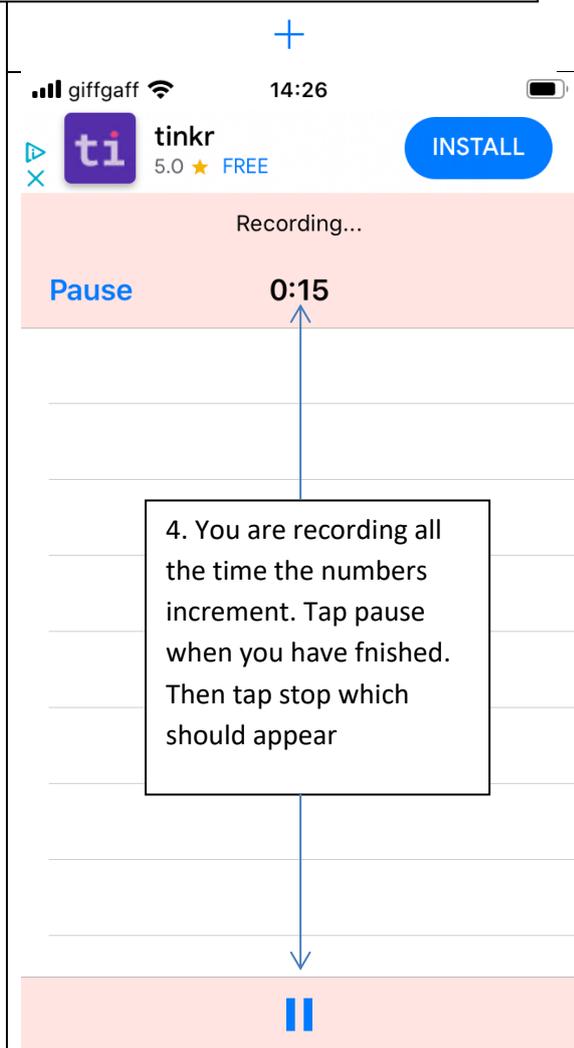
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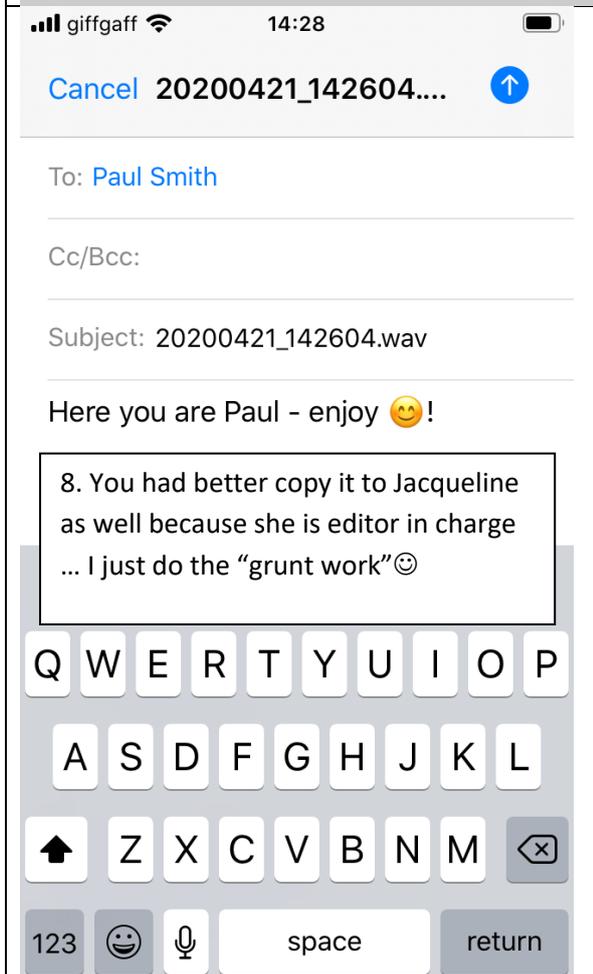
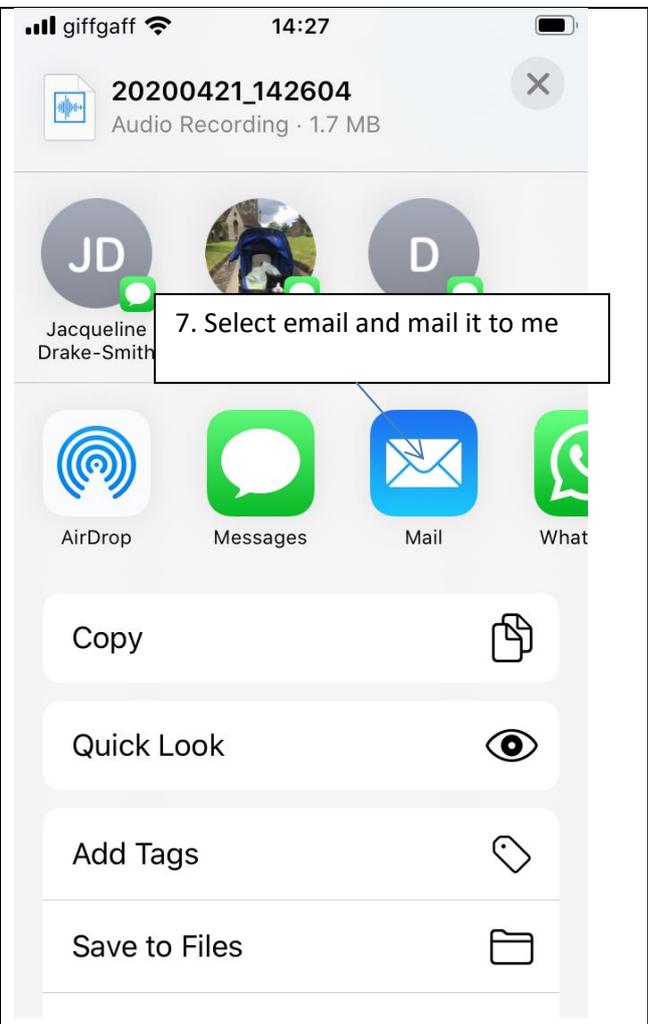
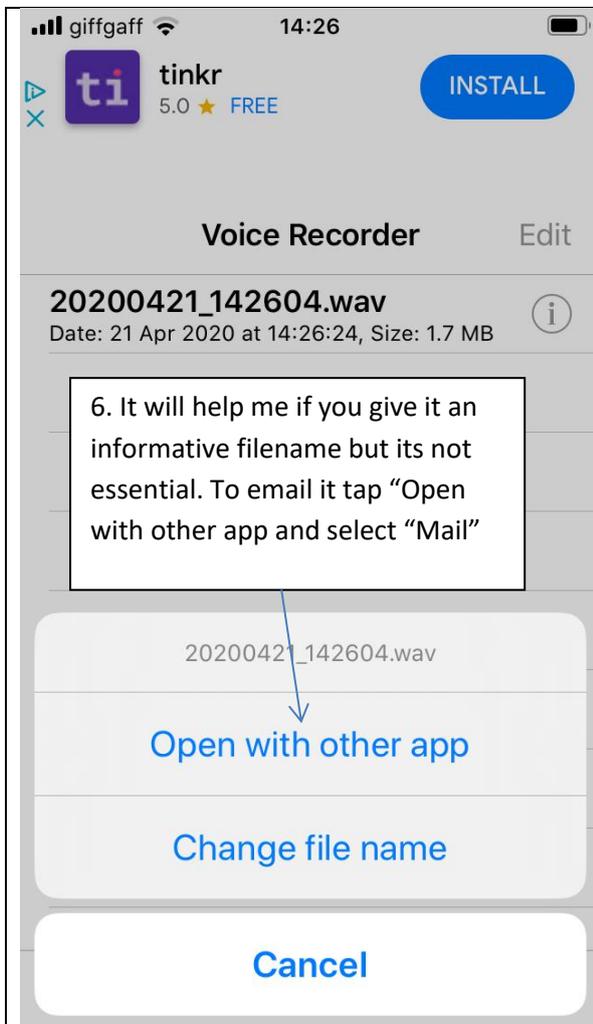
It is probably easiest to email them. Gmail and Hotmail work O.K. but open a “Google Drive” account first if you have an Android phone and if you don’t have an account already (if you have an iphone you will already have an icloud account). This is because it will be too big to email so your phone will automatically send it to online storage and send me a link to it there

RECORDING SOUND AND SENDING ON IPHONE

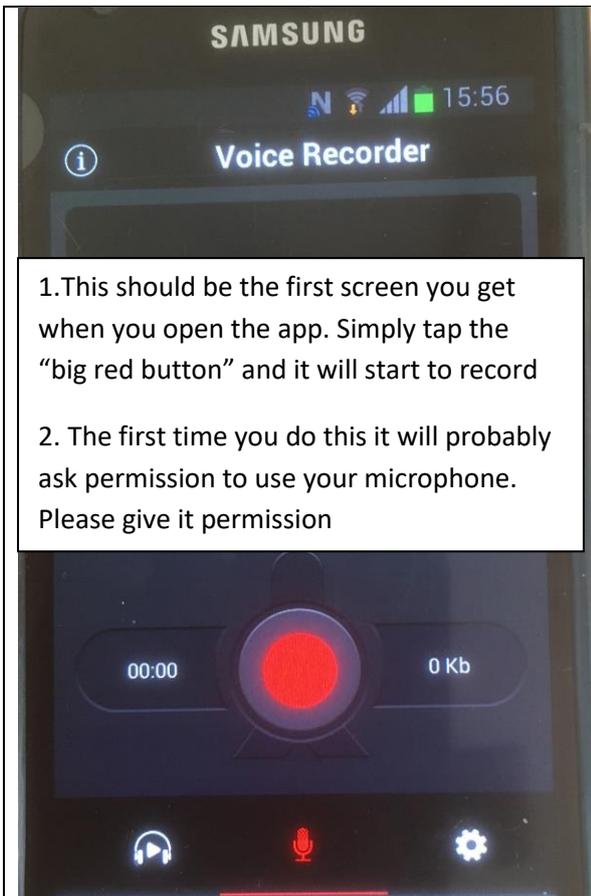


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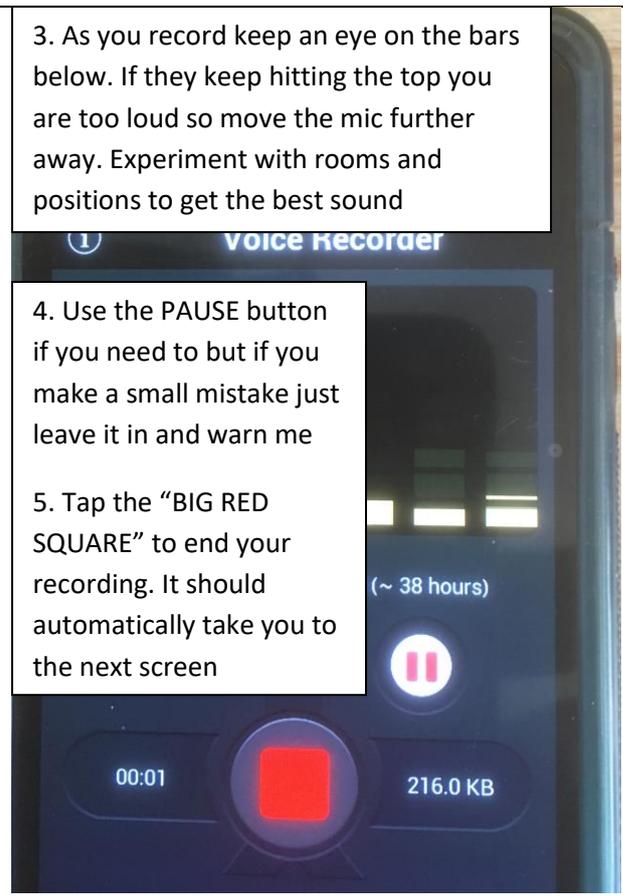


RECORDING AND SENDING SOUND ON AN ANDROID PHONE



1. This should be the first screen you get when you open the app. Simply tap the "big red button" and it will start to record

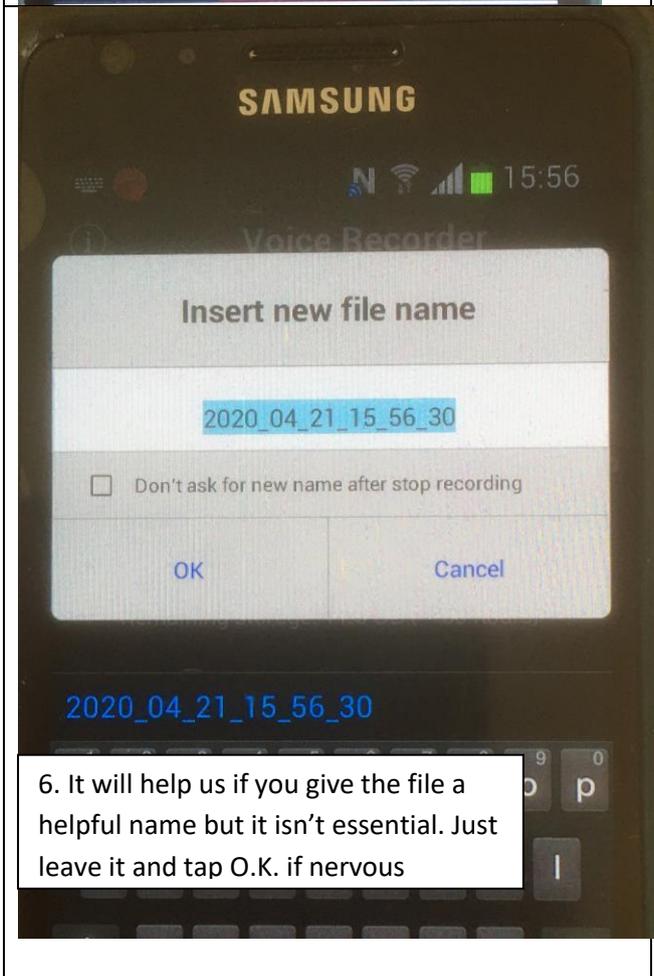
2. The first time you do this it will probably ask permission to use your microphone. Please give it permission



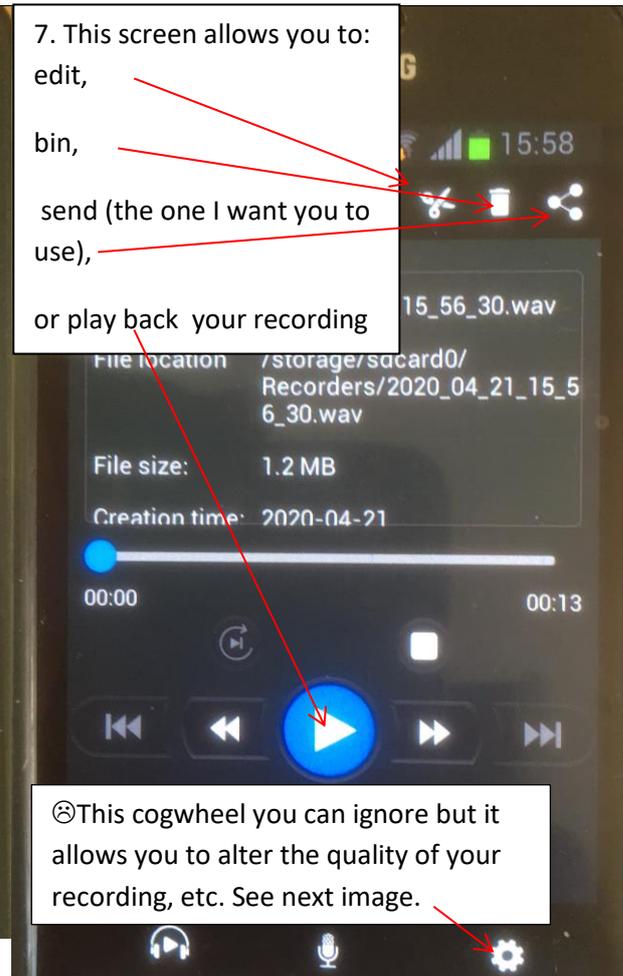
3. As you record keep an eye on the bars below. If they keep hitting the top you are too loud so move the mic further away. Experiment with rooms and positions to get the best sound

4. Use the PAUSE button if you need to but if you make a small mistake just leave it in and warn me

5. Tap the "BIG RED SQUARE" to end your recording. It should automatically take you to the next screen

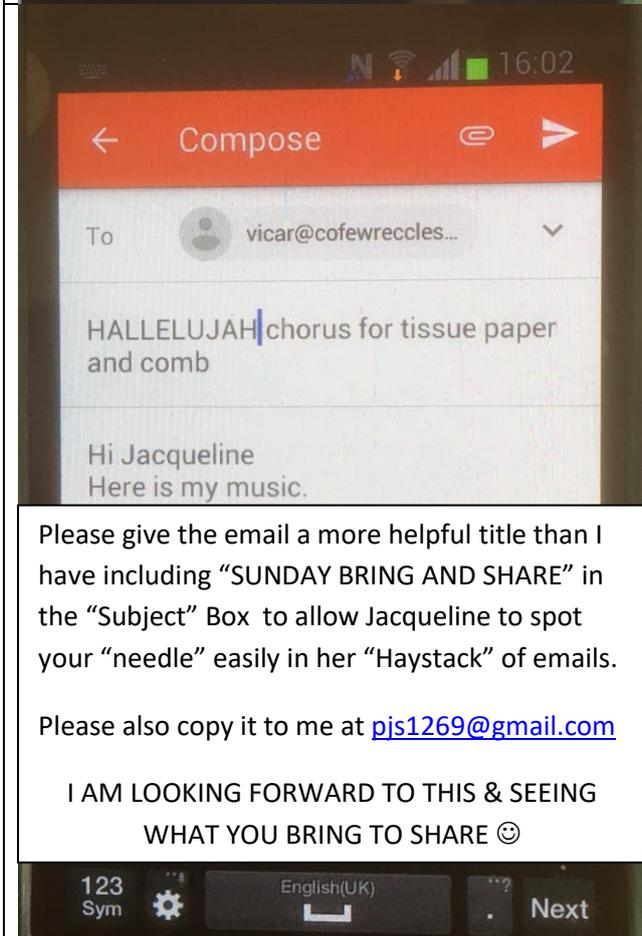
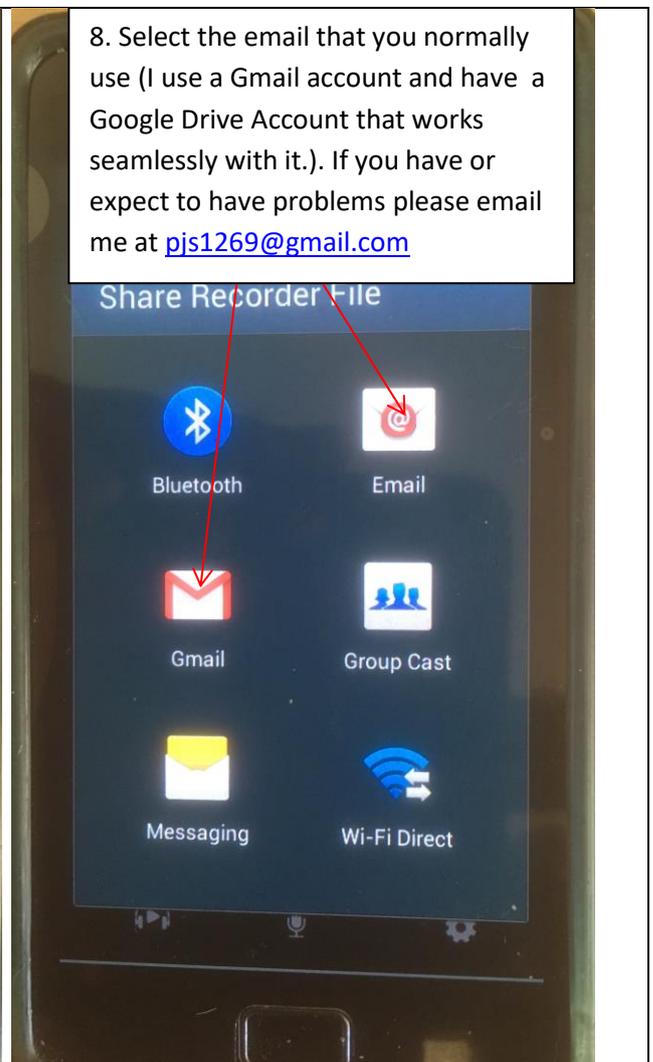
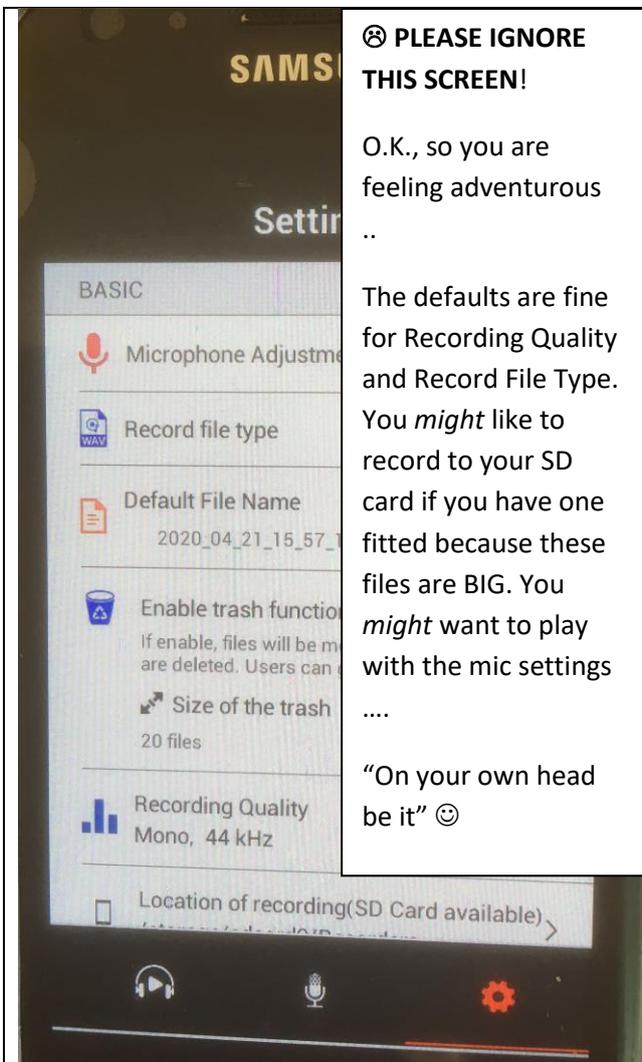


6. It will help us if you give the file a helpful name but it isn't essential. Just leave it and tap O.K. if nervous



7. This screen allows you to: edit, bin, send (the one I want you to use), or play back your recording

⊗ This cogwheel you can ignore but it allows you to alter the quality of your recording, etc. See next image.



FINAL THOUGHTS

- This looks more daunting than it is because I have broken it down into very small steps. You will probably manage without most of this information
- Please remember that the usual guidelines still apply on Safeguarding, Copyright, etc. and Big Brother / Sister / Non Gender Defined Sibling is watching us as we have already discovered, so ask if you think you may be “at risk” of contravening guidelines
- In fact if anything bothers you “Just Ask” 😊.